

Sunday, October 26 2003

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In particular, I am very unhappy that I am (potentially) being asked to foot the bill for the content producer's scheme to curtail my fair-use rights. I am also very unhappy that the proprietary nature of the scheme will limit my hardware choices to those manufactures who license this fair-use killing technology.

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Since purchasing my Tivo, I have not only renewed my nearly-cancelled digital cable subscription, I watch more network TV than ever before. I watch more because I time-shift my TV watching.

The broadcast industry must change with the time, not try and bury new technologies with rules designed to maintain the status quo.

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Please don't follow the RIAA's head-in-the-sand path. Give consumers the right to tape broadcasts digitally and use them as we see fit (just like our VCRs have done for decades).

Regards,

Richard Dean, Los Angeles

Sincerely,

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San Francisco, CA 94122

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I don't accept the argument that the RIAA and MPAA present that a broadcast flag is required to protect the industries intellectual property. Just the sheer size of high definition images will restrict the practicality of file sharing. It would take days or weeks for high definition images to be downloaded or uploaded across the Internet.

I am only interested in protecting my fair use of broadcast programs. Everyone is working harder and longer these days, and I want to retain my right to record and replay broadcast TV for my personal convenience on any device I own in my home. This includes my home PC as well as other audio/video devices.

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