

Sunday, October 26 2003

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Why are you restricting individual use more and more and seeking to end restrictions on corporations? Are we not the ones who will ultimately use their product and their designs? Why would you want to restrict what Americans do in their own home but not restrict what corporations are doing worldwide? I am very disappointed in your approach to the consumers of these new supposedly "better" products. Please oppose the broadcast flag and find some other more user friendly approach to selling me digital devices.

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Susan Freel  
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Dear Chairman Powell,

While the below is a form letter which was available at [digitalconsumer.org](http://digitalconsumer.org), I have reviewed every sentence and I have added/edited where appropriate. This message reflects my view on this subject, and I thank you for your time. Charles Cotton, 104 Delaware St, Woodbury, NJ 08096

As a consumer of broadcast television, electronics, and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote AGAINST the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am convinced that a such a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

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A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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