

Friday, October 24 2003

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445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Andrew Bustamante

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I'm getting gravely concerned that the FCC seems to be getting more and more controlled by the large media conglomerates in this country. Approving the Broadcast Flag would just be one more example that the FCC is more interested in serving the interests of broadcasters and the entertainment industry than they are in serving the rights of the American public.

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It's bad enough that Copyright law has been chipped away and eroded to the point that it no longer resembles what the framers intended Adding the Broadcast Flag would amount to elimination of copyright law altogether by allowing content providers rather than legislature to specify what constitutes fair use of content And given the teeth of the DMCA, the arbitrary choices of content providers would have the rule of law

The broadcast flag must not pass

Sincerely,

Todd Robert Wyatt  
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Charlotte, NC 28215

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Dear Chairman Powell,

As a long-time movie and TV lover, I am very concerned that the FCC would approve the "broadcast flag". The broadcast flag would give Hollywood too much power to approve or disapprove electronic devices for sale in the US. The result will be disastrous as electronic technological innovation will come to a stand-still. The MPAA/Hollywood, if they had the "broadcast flag" back in 1980 would NEVER have approved the VCR (remember that they sued Sony over the Betamax and Jack Valenti even compared the VCR to the Boston Strangler!). Look at the good that has come from the VCR both in terms of view "Fair Use" and Hollywood profit. Let the competitive free-market decide what technical innovations happen - not the government and not Hollywood.

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Henry Schommer Duvall, WA

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Dear Chairman Powell,

As a US consumer, I implore the FCC to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." Permitting such regulation would seriously restrict the way I enjoy television.

Current laws and technology allow me to record a show with inexpensive equipment to watch later at my convenience. the proposed flag would prevent this entirely, except within a limited set of circumstances controlled by the broadcaster. This hurts us both by preventing consumers from seeing the content we choose to enjoy.

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am a licensed FCC amature radio operator. I have also Invested several hundred dollars in new home theatre equipment, based upon digital television technology. Now I am afraid that this technology will be turned against us, the consumer.

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In the past the FCC has made several legal decisions which limited extremely big business from throwing their weight on the consumer news and radio media. Please make a sound choice in this decision as well.

Thanks for your time. -Forest Hilt

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I'm sure this message won't make any difference since it isn't coming from a company or organization with deep pockets, but I like to think that maybe in a democracy the individuals voice and rights might count for something.

Sincerely,

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-Mark Wong-VanHaren Palo Alto, CA

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to urge you to vote against the broadcast flag. Americans have long enjoyed the benefits of time-shifting and making personal copies of analog TV. The higher quality and greater benefits of digital TV should not be a tradeoff for individuals to lose those rights.

Hollywood is notorious for claiming that the VCR and every new technology innovation will put them out of business, but they have been wrong every time and are wrong again. Please vote against the broadcast flag.

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Scott Kister  
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Hello,

I'd like to protest strongly the whole idea of the "broadcast flag" Hollywood is trying to push through.

Like so many of their other schemes (such as copy protected audio discs), it will have no effect on piracy, as it takes only 1 copy of something to begin circulation of a digital work, but it'll be a nuisance and an expense to me and millions of other consumers.

I have no desire to buy new equipment, just because someone in Hollywood imagines that inflicting hundreds of dollars of expense on me may improve his revenues a few dollars. The content owners don't have to pay for all of my new equipment if the proposal goes through, they simply expect you to legislate (inflict) that cost on me for their benefit.

I'm sure the hardware manufacturers love the idea: wouldn't you like a law requiring everyone purchase your goods all over again?

Broadcast flags would not only be ineffective, but they're a cynical means to use the power of government to impose hundreds of millions, perhaps billions of dollars expense on the public, just at a time when the weak economy has so many of us just struggling to make ends meet.

I urge you to do the right thing and turn them down, no matter how much the greedy scoundrels pressure you: your job is to regulate the public spectrum, not act as shills for hardware and software sellers.

Thank you, --Dave Nyberg

Sincerely,

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