

Friday, October 24 2003

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445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

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Keith Kirkwood
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Columbia, MD 21045

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Specifically I enjoy the ability to record television programs that I already subscribe to be watched later at a more convenient time One only needs to use Tivo type devices for a while to realize the major benefits

It would be a shame to render a complete industry producing time shifting recording devices useless. Think of just the amount of jobs lost Even if you don't care whether I should have the right to watch programs for my own use later

Thanks

Sincerely,

Gerald Faircloth
16233 Peru Rd
Umatilla, FL 32784

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3849 Birchwood Drive
Boulder, CO 80304

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4 Mallard Place
South Windsor, CT 06074

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I implore the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am very concerned that a broadcast flag regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television. I haven't seen any new media legislation adopted by our country recently that has been for my benefit. I have only seen my fair-use eroded and removed.

As the EFF has stated: I am very concerned about the fair-use implications of the broadcast flag. With today's technology, I can be more than a passive recipient of content -- I can modify, create, and participate. I can record TV to watch later; clip a small piece of TV and splice it into a home movie; send an email clip of my child's football game to a distant relative; or record a TV program onto a DVD and play it at my friend's apartment. The broadcast flag seems designed to remove this control and flexibility that I enjoy.

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In my own words, why on earth would I want to spend thousands of dollars for new equipment if I can't time and space displace broadcasts for future enjoyment by my family and I? I wouldn't. I would NOT pay for this service, nor would I pay for the new equipment. If you allow the media to have MORE control over the broadcasts I don't see any benefit. Legislation to prevent piracy doesn't stop piracy. The pirates are still out there stealing signals and content and repurposing the material for their financial benefit. All new legislation does is inconvenience consumers such as myself. Stop enabling monopolies in this country by catering to the greed of the media industry.

With intent, Douglas Cootey

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314 E 7200 S
Midvale, UT 84047

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I am currently a subscriber to TiVO, which relies on being able to record television which will be used in a non-criminal way. The broadcast flag would make my TiVO limited to recording what the broadcasters want, and that is not one of the privileges that was given to them in copyright law. Time shifting programs has been ruled to be legal by the United State Supreme Court, and the FTC should not embark on actions that will take away my rights as a US citizen.

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Garrett Socling
1749 North Route 44
Jersey Shore, PA 17740

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Mark Kimble
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The general public NOT Hollywood has the voice and control over the airwaves.

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Clovis, CA 93611

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Currently there is a major push by consumers to remove those in office that vote against Consumer Rights. This is one such action. It is clear to this voter, that our government is doing everything it can against a strong lobby, to change the DMCA and return some of the Consumers Rights that were lost, with its inception. It is clear that the FCC is being manipulated to act on this for the Large Media Corporations, before THE US Congress can make changes to the law, and reinstate the fair use rules set in place by BETAMAX.

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I for one will not be making the transition to HDTV with such technology in place. Staying with my current level of technology I would have more options for Fair use then to go to digital, so what is the benefit? A better picture? So what? If you ask me it is not worth it. I for one am happy just to be able to see the show. Or time shift it to watch later, or be able to record it and watch it many times. Has this stopped me from purchasing the DVD collections when they become available? No. I purchase much of what I record, for the better quality, and reusability. However with Broadcast Flagging in place, that process will also stop. I will not be FORCED into buying a special new DVD just for your unwanted product. Supply and Demand. When the industry can not sell their product anymore, they will have little choice but to reform their ways. Just ask the music industry.

Sincerely,

William Wheeler
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Anchorage, AK 99507

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Saugus, MA 01906

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It is my sincerest wish that as the technologies which have garnered support from me in the past with the promise of increased enjoyment through greater flexibility and consumer rights will not be hindered by regulation and systems of content control that in fact decrease my ability to enjoy the content which they relay.

Please consider this, and vote against the adoption of the "broadcast flag". I will be compelled not to support technologies that encourage the limitation of my fair use rights.

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Please do not allow the MPAA and its allies to hinder innovation and protect their business model with anti-competitive regulations.

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital equipment? If the existing media giants are unable to adapt to the new reality and offer that compelling content, the freemarket processes of this great country will create new companies that will do so -- if regulations such as the ill-advised broadcast flag are promulgated to protect the status quo. As a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote free markets and the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

Joe Middleton
11715 Arbor Glen Way
Reston, VA 20194

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I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." Please don't further restrict my right to watch whatever I want, whenever I want.

Restricting what I can record for my own later viewing will simply negatively impact the broadcasters (I won't watch their stuff) as well as the HDTV makers (I won't buy their products). Restrictions of this type are simply unAmerican.

Thanks for listening Richard

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Richard Sawey
PO Box 895
San Carlos, CA 94070

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Thank you for your consideration.

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The current plan seems to be based, in part, on moving viewers to the newer HDTV system, but why would one move to such a system when the proposed flag will mean possibly buying additional equipment for less service than I presently have? Worse, such a flag would seem to interfere with current "fair usage" rights.

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With concern,
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