

I am concerned about the use of switched digital video ("SDV") by TimeWarner cable (my cable company in my area) and its impact on unidirectional cable ready products ("UDCPs") TiVo Series 3. I'm particularly troubled by Time Warner's comments filed on May 11th. It is my understanding that Time Warner has been placing some High Definition channels on SDV. While their statement that nearly all the channels they are placing on SDV would still be available to UDCP users may be technically correct I believe it to be highly misleading. By placing High Definition channels on SDV and leaving the standard Definition version of that channel available to UDCPs they are leaving the UDCPs at a significant disadvantage. I'm especially troubled by this practice because I believe that the consumers most likely to be purchasing UDCPs are the same ones who are most likely to be interested in High Definition channels. I'm very concerned that the placing of High Definition channels on SDV will have a huge effect on the design and manufacture of high end UDCPs, because of the disadvantage these devices will face when compared to a cable box provided by the cable company. In addition the lack of CableCard 2.0 standard in place puts us consumer in a hostage situation with CableCo's and having to use their boxes to receive the full features. This is unacceptable and continues to create the monopoly situation I thought the FCC was here to prevent. Please redesign this standard and get the CableCard 2.0 standard approved and deployed. It has been far to many years now that this should have been in place.