

As a consumer interested in protecting competition, innovation, and legitimate use of cable TV content, I urge you to refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1) by NCTA, Charter, Verizon, and all other cable providers. The FCC's "integration ban," which in effect requires cable companies to integrate CableCARDs into their own set-top boxes, remains good policy today.

The cable companies, in my experience, are the worst run companies I have ever encountered. Anyone who has to buy service from them understands why they're trying to monopolize the hardware end of the business. I'm sure they'll be getting a cut from the movie studios for taking away our personal use copyrights and forcing us to pay for the content every time we want to view it.

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