

Dear FCC,

I am writing to you about the movies industry's request to allow them to use Selectable Output Control (SOC) techniques to prevent people from recording movies broadcast in high definition. I'm not sure of all the details of what they are asking for or what specific condition they will use this, but I'm asking you to not allow it.

Once this door is opened, then the movie studios will abuse it. They will accidentally set these bits on other shows or movies not covered by the rules as NBC recently did with the "broadcast" bit. They will continue to push for "minor" extensions to the time frame they can "protect" movies and slowly our rights will be taken away.

Simply put "protecting content" and "broadcasting it" are mutually exclusive. Movie studios should bend over backwards to make it easy for people to watch their moves, but for some reason they want to make it difficult and expensive. All this will do it make it harder for people to watch movies when they want to. I know it's hard for me to watch many shows and movies I want to watch because I'm putting my daughter to bed or doing something else before I can relax for the evening. Being able to record the show and watch it an hour later is not something I think the movie studios should oppose, and not something you should allow.

Plus when I record it on my cable box, I can't get it off of the cable box so I don't know why they want to stop us from doing this. The real professional "pirates" that copy movies and profit from it will still find a way around this minor limitation. All it will do is make old equipment not work and frustrate honest consumers how play by the rules.

Please do NOT allow the use of Selectable Output Control (SOC) or any other restrictive technology to frustrate consumers and interfere with our rights to time-shift and place-shift the movies and shows we like to watch.

Thank You
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