

Regarding the MPAA's request to allow Selectable Output Control (SOC) on high definition DVRs and other devices, as a consumer of said products, I find this request to infringe upon my rights to fair usage. I am an "early adopter" of HDTV, and as such, I have equipment that only has analog input capability. If the MPAA has their request granted, I will no longer be able to watch some programming, or it will be of decreased quality, thus making my purchase obsolete. How this will "encourage transition to high definition media" is beyond me. I understand the MPAA's need to limit opportunities for piracy, but in assuming that all "early adopters" are criminals, they will only create an angry user base that discourages other customers from making the jump to high definition. Additionally, it is quite possible/probable that someone will find a way around SOC, making it ineffective and annoying at best, and downright detrimental to high definition conversion at worst. Personally, I dislike the idea of someone telling me how I can use products that I purchased (in this case, for thousands of dollars). SOC is effectively like saying, "You have a great TV, but we'll only let you watch programs that we, the studios, deem appropriate."