

The request by the motion picture industry to allow the use of selectable output control should be DENIED. The studios can and will eventually release content before DVD street dates. A similar excuse was used for the broadcast flag where the content owners said "we wont produce HD content if its not protected with the broadcast flag...". Well they were wrong and most primetime content is in HD and in the clear as it should be. The MARKET demanded HD content and the studios responded. Now, they are trying to use the same excuse to take away functionality I have today with equipment I bought in the past. This is NOT OK. I dont expect my Tivo to no longer record content-that is what I bought it for. I am confident that if the studio wishes are granted, then they will eventually end up flagging ALL content to copy never and this is a slippery slope. Reject the studios petition, and they will eventually release HD content on PPV before DVD street dates. More content protection just ends up costing consumers more money, does little to reduce piracy, and removes features which consumers VALUE and EXPECT.