

Dear Sir / Madam,

It beggars belief that the MPAA believes that if this petition was to be approved that it would do anything to stem the availability of high quality, yet thoroughly illegal copies of movies being available online.

We live in a global community, and as such a leak from ANY source is instantly available online to all. This of course is a serious issue, however should the FCC approve this petition it is my belief that 2 things will occur.

1. The availability of high quality, yet thoroughly illegal copies of movies will in no way decline in the internet community. Many of the recent incidents have actually involved movie insiders making such releases, or allowing them to be made. Also, if the movie is released in a territory with weaker legislation it will be just as available due to the global nature of the Internet which knows no territorial borders in the conventional sense.

2. Many people, such as myself, who have spend thousands of dollars on equipment that can legalley timeshift such high definition content which we have paid for through our cable subscriptions will no long be able to enjoy the benefits of such legal behavior. This in turn will lead to an INCREASED demand for the illegal material on line.

To sum up, this petition solves nothing, but interferes with the legitimate enjoyment of paid for content for a growing number of individuals.

There are already many legal avenues for persuing those distributing illgal copies of content. These should be leveraged instead of denying legitimate access to paying subscribers to be able to timeshift our content in the comfort of our own houses.

The decision by the FCC to mandate the availability of Firewire on HD cable boxes was one of the most amazing and insightful decisions I have ever seen by a government body anywhere. As such it has enabled legitimate use of content, and has REDUCED the amount

of piracy by thousands of paying users. The current petition is an attempt to prevent more modern technology from doing the same for satellite TV, and it is of grave concern to me that should this petition be granted that the MPAA would attempt to revisit the "Firewire Hole" that is already mandated. Essentially they are one and the same, and if anything recordings made by the FCC mandated Firewire port are vastly superior to the ones made via the component outputs of STBs (Cable or Satellite) as they are a direct digital copy of the MPEG2 datastream.

Finally, it is my opinion that the MPAA is approaching this issue in the wrong way. By alienating paying subscribers of HDTV services they will reduce their overall revenue as subscriptions to those services will drop. At the same time they have many existing legal avenues to persue those who act both irresponsibly and illegally.

Please don't undo all the good that the FCC has accomplished to date with HDTV.