

**Comments on –Child Safe Viewing Act  
Examination of Parental Control Technologies for Video and Audio Programming**

As a current user of family filtering products I have found they have reduced the indecency and foul language my family has to endure on television and video recording to nearly zero.

I only wish there were a way to make all video sources (such as YouTube and Netflix online) compliant and filterable.

We cannot use Netflix online viewing for anything objectionable because there is absolutely no mechanism for filtering it.

We utilize a closed captioning profanity filter (TVGuardian) and I would love to have this technology embedded into my DVD player, cable converter box, or even my cell phone.

My current units can only work on composite and analog signals. That means no HDTV and no surround sound and this also means that the conversion we are undertaking to these new technologies would render obsolete my current ability to filter profanities.

Additionally, making the closed-captions digital would only increase the accuracy of the filtering mechanism.

The other technology I use filters scenes only from DVDs (ClearPlay) and we use it together with our Netflix rentals (but not Netflix streaming online). It effectively reduces an PG-13 or R rated movie to a PG or even G rating by removing those objectionable scenes and language often attributing to the “adults only” rating.

Currently this requires both special hardware and a subscription and only works on pre-recorded random access media (DVD). It would be largely ineffective against live TV or streaming media UNLESS the offensive content codes were written directly into the digital stream.

Technology like the V-Chip may be effective to block an entire program or channel but doesn't give the detailed scene-by-scene, sentence-by-sentence level of control we have found with these two products.

I have told my friends and neighbors about these products for the entire time I have been using them and would be happy to now tell them... just call your entertainment service provider and ask for it. And I would love to have the technology improved and embedded into the technology products my family uses for entertainment.

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