

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to deny the MPAA's request for a waiver that would allow studios to engage in "selectable output control," or "SOC". If granted, the SOC waiver would let Hollywood dictate which movies I can watch on my television and which outputs I can use on my cable box and DVR. Only I should be able to make these decisions and I hope that the FCC will stand up to Hollywood by denying its request.

According to the MPAA, the studios need to use SOC so they can deliver certain video-on-demand movies earlier than they do today. However, if SOC were used, no consumer would be able to watch these early VoD movies without first buying new home video equipment. I can watch VoD movies on my television today--it's wrong for the federal government (on behalf of a few Hollywood studios) to force me to buy expensive new equipment just so I can watch movies a month earlier, especially considering the current state of the economy!

I also understand that SOC would block new and innovative devices that rely on traditional, open outputs. I've come to expect more flexibility and features with my devices, not less and hope that SOC will not prevent the TiVos and Slingboxes of tomorrow from coming to market. The government is supposed to be protecting the public and encouraging innovation, not creating new regulations that limit or obsolete consumers' home entertainment equipment just because Hollywood says so.

The FCC should not adopt MPAA's SOC proposal. It's a pointless Hollywood studio scheme that will only hurt consumers like me. Just because you want to record what you are watching does make you a thief. They should not be trying to block ports, but instead they should be working on ways to watermark where content was recorded from and then go after the people uploading content to the internet. I have one Hi Dev TV in my house and this will cause it to stop working. Where is the right for them to do?

You already have given cable companies the right to encrypt QAM signals and have to use a DTA from just to watch what I already pay for on expanded basic cable. Because of this I now have to start paying for every connection in the house. This encrypting has nothing to do with making things easier for them as much as it is a way to charge me extra every month.