

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.

Sincerely,

Jody Saige