

I support comments made in the 6/14 filing by TiVo.

The idea of cable cards is good, but providers make the use of them prohibitive by not supporting them properly. When problems have arisen due to lack of support, my provider has suggested I should use their equipment instead. Now with the introduction of SDV and tuning adapters, the situation is even more convoluted. Tuning adapters require a truck roll and are poorly supported, even less so than cable cards. Between cable cards and tuning adapters, the third party solution is far beyond reasonable at this point.

I strongly agree with the idea that providers must support a platform to make third party equipment available for the consumer. However, providers seem to do everything they can to skirt support for the current solution. There's a definite lack of enforcement there.

I'm in favor of the AllVid proposal currently under consideration. An IP based solution just makes sense. It needs to happen as soon as possible. With poor support for cable cards and now with tuning adapters on top of them, the current solution is a complete failure and makes using third party equipment all but intolerable.