

Please do something about these top set boxes the cable companies force us to rent. The cable companies are the only monopolies left that go beyond their core business and force consumers to rent their equipment. We know there is the Tivo and Moxi, as retirees these are too expensive and there is the subscription costs. We remember when the phone companies were forcing us to rent their phones and once they had to let 3<sup>rd</sup> party equipment on line the competition brought the costs down. Right now there is no competition. As the phone companies during the time were being forced out of the rental business they screamed that these 3<sup>rd</sup> party phones would bring the phone system down, never happened and wouldn't happen with the cable industry.

We thought FCC rule 10-181 should have opened the door to competition, but it talks about cable cards, which now, what would we use them for, since SDV there is no consumer product to put them in.

As a consumer, we would like a reasonable choice, 1) let us rent from the cable companies at their high rate, or 2) give us the option to purchase these rental devices from the cable company at a reasonable cost, or 3) open the market like the phone companies did in 1983 to bring down the prices. We would like to see these boxes at Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Sears, Kmart, etc...

As a consumer we would like a choice in maybe color, shape, technology, and price.