

If the MPAA's request to extend its waiver for use of Selectable Output Control or SOC is permitted I will not buy anymore products from the MPAA. I am one of many angry consumers that are sick and tired of the MPAA's greed. They have tried to close the analog hole before allowing individuals to freely record their favorite programs at home for noncommercial fair uses with the broadcast flag. This waiver should never have been granted but having been done so partially and for a limited period of time I ask that you deny extension of it now. Over the years the MPAA has attempted to use its lobbying clout to mess with new technologies that threaten their outdated business models. Ironically there was a time when Sony supported fair use home recording before it got into the entertainment business. Remember Sony Electronics made the Betamax VCR and got sued by the movie studios over it but won the legal right to continue selling the Betamax VCR. Ultimately, the VHS format won the VCR wars and more people bought VCRs that used VHS tapes killing Sony's Betamax format today though Sony would be on the other side of the Betamax lawsuit. The movie studios saw VCRs and other home recording equipment as a threat to their commercial movie distribution business. Why would anyone buy new release movies on VHS when they could just record movies played on TV to blank VHS tapes. When the DVD first came out the movie studios saw DVD as a threat to their VHS business and similarly saw DVRs as a threat to their business for not only allowing digital recordings but allowing one to fast forward commercials. They saw video on demand and pay per view TV services as a threat to their commercial DVD business. They want to close the analog hole for good with HDMI and HDCP which is supposed to also be part of Blu Ray - have heard Blu Ray DRM has consistently been cracked before but now they want to require these players to always be on and connected to the Internet so if you crack the DRM they disable the device. They can disable a user's HDMI port on their cable box and/or Blu Ray player and ultimately even on their TV. Once an HDMI port is remotely disabled over the Internet by the studios you have to buy new equipment - buying a new TV and Blu Ray player. If you try to break the DRM with the new equipment you get disabled again. Now they see the Internet as a threat so tried pushing Congress to pass last year PIPA and SOPA (Protect IP Act and Stop Online Piracy Act) to create an Internet Blacklist. Fortunately, enough protests from citizens and in the tech community killed that legislation. They are still determined though to clamp down the Web by pushing the W3C to build DRM into HTML5 the latest technology for the web.

I am sick of having DRM forced on me. I refuse to buy any new movies in Blu Ray, refuse to upgrade my equipment to be HDCP compliant, refuse to rent new movies not released yet on DVD from cable or satellite providers - which is their reasoning for needing SOC and with the exception of a few new major motion pictures like Iron Man 3, Star Trek Into Darkness, Thor The Dark World, Captain America The Winter Soldier and Man of Steel I refuse to give Hollywood any more money whether at the theaters or for home viewing via pay TV providers. If I buy new movies they will only be on DVD and I will buy used when possible so the money doesn't go to the studios. I hope the studios read other comments in this proceeding.

