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Dear Sirs:

This is a comment concerning section 1201(a)(1) of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. 1201(a)(1).

I use the Linux operating system at both work and home. If I buy a music tape, I can play it on a home-built tape player. If I buy a DVD, I would like to play it on my DVD player, especially a DVD player attached to my Linux computer. This falls within the customary bounds of "fair use."

Unfortunately, no one has produced an official, licensed DVD-playing program for Linux. Even if they did produce commercial DVD software for every possible Linux architecture, I am a hobbyist, and I like writing and using my own software.

I feel that any rules governing "circumvention" of copy protection should allow me the ability to write my own DVD playing software, without fear of being sued.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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