

Hello -

I would like to see the Librarian of Congress err on the side of the consumer when determining which classes of works to exempt from the prohibition against circumventing technological measures that control access to a copyrighted work.

At the moment, several organizations, the RIAA among them, are attempting to ban software that I use to play DVDs on my computers. If this software is banned the various DVDs that I have purchased will become useless. I feel that this is not in the best interest of the consumer. It is also not in the best interest of the copyright holder, as I will purchase fewer DVDs.

If this software is banned, the DVDs that I create for the U.S. Navy will not be able to be played on my computers. This is completely unacceptable to me.

I understand that the copyright holder needs to be allowed to protect their copyright. However, as both a consumer and producer of copyrighted material, I need to be able to use my electronic media on as many computers as possible.

If the prohibition against circumventing technological measures that control access to copyrighted works is rigidly enforced, then I fear that I will no longer have access to the software that I need as both a consumer and as a producer of copyrighted works.

Thank you for your time,  
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