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To whom it may concern:

I am a serious DVD collector. And while I wholeheartedly agree that DVD-ROMs are better suited as a data format rather than movie-viewing, there are lots of import DVDs I'm interested in. Many DVDs from other regions are director's cuts not sold in the U.S., or contain more features than those sold here. These are the things that make DVDs so appealing to me.

Am I pay upwards to \$800 for a regionless standalone DVD player? DeCSS allows me to legally buy these imports and view what I PAID for.

While the operating system that I use on my computer is a Windows OS (fully supportive of DVD), many citizens out there are using alternative operating systems, thus incapable of even using DVD this technology on their computers.

If you've been led to believe that DeCSS is about pirating, I'd like to point out that DVD-ripped bootlegs have been floating the Internet from the very beginning, long before DeCSS.

DeCSS COULD be used to make physical bootleg copies rather than the digital copies that it has nothing to do with: but with the consumer costs of blank DVDs to store these movies on, it costs twice as much per disc to pirate DVD as it would to go and just buy the real thing legally.

DeCSS is not a crime.

Thank you for your time.