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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing this letter as a comment in regards to the issues of the DMCA and the DVD/DeCSS. While it stands that the creation of the DeCSS program may circumvent existing security measures, I ask you to look at the reason this was made. That not being to transfer the data on them to other people via the Internet or to copy them to blank DVDs. There are reasons that both of these options are so unlikely. The reason that file transfers across the Internet is so unlikely is a few things actually; first, is an issue of bandwidth, very few people have the bandwidth to transfer the files without greatly slowing down their computer as well as many computers in between, secondly, the multiple gigabytes of hard drive space that they take up is not something that most people have to spare just for a movie or two. The cost of hard drives to hold these would be much more in the long run than buying a DVD player and the DVDs. Copying them onto blank DVDs cost as much or usually more than buying the actual DVD.

Rather the reason was to play the legally purchased DVDs on operating systems not specifically supported by the DVD makers. I see this as an attempt to dissuade people from using certain OSs in the interest of promoting the Windows operating systems, for whom DVD options are supported.

Sincerely,

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