

Hello,

First I would like to thank you for giving the public the opportunity to respond to these issues before you make decisions. That gives me great confidence that you are handling these issues in a very professional manner and will come to the right decision. Thanks for now accepting a text file attachment as well.

I am a part owner of a game company (Artisan Games) so I have the ability to think from both sides of the debate. I understand the need for good protection of Copyrighted materials from a business perspective. Preventing Piracy and illegal use of copyrighted materials is very important to me and my company.

I am also an end user and feel very strongly that the rights to fair use laws need to be maintained and not superceded by by new copyright laws. The DMCA, as it is being interpreted by some people, completely destroys anyones "right to fair use" of media, I find that unacceptable.

I also do not think the DMCA adds anything new to the Copyright debate except to take away our right to fair use. The laws before the DMCA were enough to protect Digital Media, just as they did for paper media. Adding the DMCA does not change the fact that "Illegally using Copyrighted materials is already Illegal".

The DMCA, as the MPAA would like you to enforce it, seems to be doing exactly the same thing as a patent does for inventions. The person holding the keys to the encryption now has the right to a monopoly on their use, as well as what devices can decode them.

I will use the current DVD case as a specific example, but it is extremely important to mention that this not only applies to DVD's, it also applies to music (mini-disc's, cd's, etc) and possibly other media distributed on the internet.

I want to see fair competition between DVD players, I also want to be able to play my legally purchased DVD's under other currently non-supported operating systems as well. If I purchase a DVD and want to play it on a platform that is not currently supported, I should not have to also purchase a license for many thousands of dollars to write a program that can play it. I should be able to write a program to play the DVD, then play it. The DMCA currently makes that illegal!

Please rule in favor of the people, not big corporations. Rule in favor of a free market, not a monopolistic one where they control who and what can play the legally purchased media.

I also believe that by enacting a region encoding mechanism, they are actually breaking the rights to fair use as well. It would be nice to see the laws enforced regarding that as well.

Thanks for listening to the people,

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