

[Proposed class or classes of copyrighted work(s) to be exempted]= CD's, DVD's or any legally purchased digital or analog media.

[Brief summary of the argument(s) in support of the exemption proposed above]= Consumers who merely want to watch their DVDs on portable devices are prevented from doing so by the DMCA - definitely not the intention of the law.

The restriction of Fair Use rights is inhibiting the growth of the tech industry. When consumers are confused and worried about running afoul of the law, they're obviously hesitant to adopt new technologies (such as portable video players and streaming video devices).

Portable video players are a growing market, but under the DMCA, consumers are not permitted to "rip and encode" movies they own. This clearly infringes on the concept of Fair Use, which is a well-established component of copyright law.

The vague wording of the DMCA, intended to address the growing culture of filesharing on peer-to-peer networks, is being exploited by manufacturers to restrict competition, innovation and consumer choice. For example, Lexmark used the DMCA to prohibit third parties from selling replacement ink cartridges at competitive prices. The DMCA (by the admission of its own authors!) was never intended to be applied in this manner.

The DMCA outrageously makes no accomodation whatsoever for the disabled, prohibiting, among other things, the decryption of a book in electronic document format for use with text-to-speech applications for the blind on their PC's.