Name: Michaela Merz Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding): Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by technological measures. Summary: Disc name: Der Eisbaer [The polar baer] Getaeuscht [Deceived] In Love And war (English title, but German language Region 2 DVD) Strange Days (as above) Dirty Dancing (as above)

I am a German immigrant to the United States and I am requesting an exemption for copy protection in order to play my legally purchased German DVDs: Der Eisbaer --The polar baer, Getaeuscht -- Deceived, In Love And war (English title, but German language Region 2 DVD), Strange Days, and Dirty Dancing on my region #1 coded player here in the U.S.

We searched for German language videos and DVDs and asked our friends in Germany to send us some tapes. While German videotapes play without problems (we had to convert the PAL signal to NTSC), the DVD's will not play at all. The player says, that this DVD can not play because of the region-code. One can buy foreign language books and read them without problems. One can buy foreign language videos and play them. You can listen to foreign CDs with foreign language music without problems. You can even install the German,Spanish or Italian version of Microsoft Windows, Word etc. on your 'American' computer and it will work without a problem. Only DVD's are restricted and I do not understand, why I am not allowed to watch my (paidfor) DVD wherever I want to.