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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: Tonari no Totoro (My Neighbor Totoro)

The movie "My neighbor Totoro" is not available on DVD in the US, and its distributor has not said when it will become available. I was in Japan for 3 weeks, and while there I decided to buy the movie on DVD. The Japanese edition, aside from being a DVD, also had the original audio track with English subtitles, as opposed to the dub that is all that one can find on tapes in the US. Naturally it's a region 2 disc, so the only way I would be able to watch this movie that I legally purchased, and that is not available any other way, would be to download a region-free firmware hack for my DVD-ROM drive and use non-approved software on my laptop. The DMCA says this would be illegal, but how else could I watch this DVD?