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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: Shawshank Redemption

I was in England last summer for cultural exchange. I bought the Shawshank Redemption on DVD at Gatwick airport while waiting for a flight home. When I got home, my DVD player complained "wrong region" and refused to play. I am saddened that two countries that share a common culture and language can't watch each other's DVDs. Even if I were to return to England, I doubt the merchant would refund my purchase price.

Therefore, I support a total repeal of the DMCA. At the very least, it's anti-consumer and anti-fair-use provisions should be severely rolled back.