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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: Brat-2 (Brother II)

I purchased a DVD in Russia of a movie I was dying to see. It's the sequel to Brat (Brother), and it was shot in Chicago. I spent a ton of money on a legal copy in a reputable store, even though I could have gotten a knock-off VHS copy for cheaper. However, it was region-encoded for Europe.

Now I can't play it on any DVD players here. I paid money for the DVD, bought it legally, and now I can't play it because I don't have the money to buy a separate DVD player or a DVD player that doesn't recognize regions, and the DCMA makes it illegal to use DVD software that circumvents the problem. I ended up giving the DVD to a friend who was returning to Russia--I had no use for it, and I couldn't very well return it. Since I'm not going to shell out money for another copy, I haven't even seen the movie yet.