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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:

A friend and I visited Paris on a study abroad program in 2000, where we  
watched Luc Besson's "Taxi 2" in a theater. A year later, when my birthday  
rolled around, he had the DVD sent from Amazon.fr as a reminder of our good  
times there. (A U.S. version is not for sale.) My Sony DVD player refuses to  
play the disc, throwing up a "Playing this disc is prohibited by area limits."  
message. I also have a DVD-ROM, and I've read some sites that say you can  
update the DVD-ROM drives to read other regions, but that it's risky and could  
damage the drive. I think it's ridiculous that to play a legally purchased  
disc that isn't even offered for sale in this country I have to risk damage to  
my computer.

Disc name: Taxi 2