

Name: James Chamberlain

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: Les Mystérieuses cités d'or

The Mysterious Cities of Gold was a very good and educational television show from my childhood. From this show, I learned a great deal about the exploration of the Americas during the 16th century. I have heard stories of how the direction of some peoples' lives was shaped by this show, such was the quality with which it was produced. I had been hoping to see it again for quite a while, when I came upon a note proclaiming its availability on DVD. I followed a link and found that it was indeed available on DVD.. but only in French and only in Region 2; Europe, the Middle East and Japan. I was more than welcome to buy it of course, but it would not play in my DVD player. I could also buy a region-free DVD player which might have been able to play it, but concern that the MPAA would make DVDs unplayable in such players or have such players outlawed entirely, has prevented me from taking this approach. In the meantime, I have been left with no legal alternatives. I would be unable to watch the DVD if purchased for no other reason than that the MPAA has decided it can tell me when and where I can watch DVDs I own.