

**Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption
Under 17 U.S.C. 1201**

Item 1. Commenter Information

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Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 8: *Audiovisual works – space-shifting and format-shifting*

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

When I purchase a DVD/Blu-ray movie, it is MINE - not the movie industry's, not the Copyright Office's. As long as my activities in regards to what I do with that DVD/Blu-ray are for my personal use, no one should have the ability to tell me what I can and can't do with MY property. That would be like telling someone how where they can store their movies - consumer: 'I want to store my movies next to my TV', movie industry/Copyright Office: 'Hmmm... nope, we say that you have to store movies in the closet, or we are going to fine you or even send you to prison'. Do you see the idiocy in that? Now, if I'm making copies and "sharing" them with friends and family members, that is completely different - those people need to purchase their own copy or rent it from a rental business. But I should be able to make backup copies, digital copies, etc of MY movies for MY use without interference. I'm not going to buy another copy of a movie if I can just make a backup copy and replace it when the primary copy gets damaged - that's just a money-making scheme from the movie industry, as if the price that was originally paid wasn't high enough already, they want me to spend more money for something that I already own the rights to watch. Please change this archaic interpretation/ruling to something that actually makes sense and benefits the consumer, and not just lines the pockets of those that already have a ridiculous amount of money.