

Dear Sirs,

This letter is in regard to recent lawsuits filed by the DVD CCA on behalf of the MPAA. I would just like to point out that as a Linux user I am one of those that benefits from having the DeCSS code and associated discussions openly distributed without any encumbrance from lawyers or the MPAA. If I buy a DVD and a DVD drive for my computer I currently am not allowed to view that DVD with Linux.

The entire purpose of the DeCSS work was to provide a viewer for Linux so that the owner of the DVD and DVD drive can view said DVD on the Linux operating system. This is fair use no matter how you look at it. This is for interpretability only and I the purchaser of the DVD and DVD drive should be able to use them with any OS I choose.

If someone chooses to use DeCSS or any other means to copy DVD's and distribute them, they should be held criminally liable for their actions, and that is that.

I also believe that it is fair use to make backup copies of my software and media for my own protection and that the MPAA or a pack of Lawyers should have no say in this matter.

Regards,

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