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I am writing in regards to the numerous legal actions taken by the MPAA to stop the circulation of a computer program that is able to break the weak encryption on DVD movies.

When I, the consumer, purchase a DVD movie, a form of media, I expect to be able to play this movie, in any DVD player. If my DVD player happens to be built into my computer, I expect to be able to play this DVD, where else, but in my computer. If my computer is not running one of Microsoft's notoriously slow and unstable Operating Systems, I still expect to be able to play my movie.

Furthermore, if I decide to take my DVD to my friend's home in Germany, I expect to be able to play there as well.

Is this too much to expect?

The bottom line is that the MPAA wants to tell me, their customer, where and how I can view their media. If it was left up to them, we would only be able to watch their movies on selected DVD-players, in selected locations, and only on selected PC Operating Systems (namely, MS Windows).

Since their encryption has been broken, I am now able to watch DVD movies on PC, which runs Linux, a Windows alternative. This happens to be my ONLY DVD-player. It would be a shame if I was unable to use it just because the MPAA didn't want me to.

Thanks to DeCSS, I can do all of the things I should be able to do with my media.

Sincerely,

Paul Powers
Concerned Consumer