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Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to my attention that there is a new addendum to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (Public Law 105-304 (1998), added a new Chapter 12 to title 17). I find it unnecessary to force these issues on the general public for the following reasons.

- A) I would like to continue to make backup copies of my DVD's
- B) I would like to have the option of converting my DVD's into a more compressed format
- C) I would like to have the ability to convert my DVD's into a format which I can use on all CD-ROM drives
 - i) that is, AVI, MPEG, VCD

All of these will fall under my personal use only and will not be distributed to my peers or resold to any entity.

I find that placing a law as such will set precedence in the digital community. This, in effect, infringes on my rights to produce a legal backup copy from an item that I have purchased. In passing this law, I would not be able to utilize any utilities on my PC, which will expedite backing up or copyrighted materials that I have purchased.

I understand there will be DVD recorders in the near future. However, it is my honest opinion that lobbying against such tools, which circumvent the copyright protection is, in fact, an infringement on my rights as a purchaser of a product. I would agree that legal action must be taken on those profiting on such measures. However, I do not believe it is necessary to produce a law which prohibits my use of such a product which circumvents the copyright protections by decryption, and so forth, which will ultimately be used by myself only.

It is my recommendation that Section A be revised to prohibit the use of decryption measures for copyright material for persons whom profit from this circumvention. I also recommend, on behalf of my colleges and I, that persons who can produce a cause and legal receipt of purchase from the producers or resellers would be exempt from Section A of 17 USC Section 1201(a)(1). I understand that this addendum to the Digital Millennium Act does, in fact, allude to allowing some exemption for owners of the copyrighted material. However, I believe that more clarification, such as mentioned above, should be added due to the addition in subparagraph E which does not allow use of subparagraph A, B, and C as a defense for a person holding such copyrighted materials. Perhaps, in doing so, this will close the loop and allow, without a doubt, my use of the DeCSS decryption program, or other similar programs, for personal use.

Please review my statements and reply at your convenience. I would like to continue backing up and converting my purchased, encrypted, materials in the years to come. But I can not do so unless I have non-profitting utilities such

as the DMCA and the DVD/DeCSS decrypto programs.

Regards,

Jacob Vargas