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Mr. Carson,

I am writing in response to The Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Public Law 105-304 (1998). For the most part, I do not think a law like this is wrong. The main problem I have with it is the issue regarding DeCSS. I know that there are people out there who COULD use this program to pirate DVD's (if they had the money to buy large quantities of hard drives (1 dvd/ 20GB hdd approximately), a dvd-rom burner, and blank dvd-rom's (which cost more than dvd's do in a store)), but that isn't the issue here. The real issue is the fact that because such a tight grip was put on the DVD code, because a Linux player was created, someone took the matter into their own hands. How can anyone justify not allowing someone on a particular OS (and I might add, a VERY commonly used OS) something as simple as the right to play dvd movies?

I am not a Linux user, I never have been. I am not a hacker, in any of the meanings. But I do not think it is right or fair to attempt to prosecute people because they were trying to play dvd movies on a Linux machine. Instances like this need to be taken out from under the blanket of the DMCA.

I thank you for your time, and hope this matter can be solved.

Sincerely, Erik L. Davi