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Re: Docket No. RM 2011-07

Need for an Exemption to Break Encryption to Access Copyrighted Material Under Fair Use

Summary of argument: As a retired professor of film studies and film production, I continue to teach in an adjunct capacity. I need to incorporate video clips into my classroom lectures as well as anticipated e-book formats for supplemental assignments.

I teach film production units in my adjunct assignments, among them instances when fair use clearly permits editing new, creative works from existing multimedia material. This includes my presenting material for educational purposes in the classroom and through Blackboard platforms to students creating new multimedia projects of various types including those incorporating satirical and analytical commentary.

In addition, I teach the principles of fair use to production classes and during my college's Media Literacy Week program. Access to clips to illustrate what is fair use is absolutely essential for students to learn the principles. For all of these educational presentations and projects, breaking encryption is essential. Therefore, I urge extension of the DMCA exemptions.

Thank you for your consideration.