

Hello,

My name is Eldridge Alexander.

I'm writing to ask that you add an exemption to the DMCA that allows for the removal of DRM for personal, legal uses.

I have purchased media with DRM through the years from a variety of sources - DVDs, BluRays, iTunes, the Amazon Kindle Store, and more.

It is currently generally illegal for me to transfer media between devices as the DRM prevents me from doing so and I cannot legally remove the DRM because of the DMCA. I have a large DVD collection, however I cannot add movies to my tablet for traveling without purchasing them again from a place like iTunes or the Play Store.

I also cannot switch between device manufacturers. If I purchase a Nook, I cannot put my purchases from the Kindle store on it due to this restriction in the DMCA. I would have to buy the books again on the Nook store.

This restriction in the DMCA prevents effective competition as it is more difficult to switch to a competitors device when you have a lot invested in media from the store of your current device. This is the first time this has ever happened. My VHS tapes played in all players. My CDs played in all CD players.

This DMCA restriction also prevents the first-sale doctrine from being used effectively. I am unable to sell my old movies and books, or even give them away to family members due to this DMCA restriction.

Please remove this restriction to prevent monopolies, and encourage culture.

Sincerely,  
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