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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding):
Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not
available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by
technological measures.

Summary:

Disc name: Long Vacation

I would like an exemption for region-coded DVDs, because the DVD I purchased in Japan would not play on the DVD player that I purchased in the United States. I was in Japan studying Japanese language, and while I was there I spent US\$200 for a 4 DVD set of a Japanese television drama, The Long Vacation. Unfortunately, I found out that it would not play in my DVD player, so I was forced to buy a new DVD player from Japan that would play it. In essence, I spent US\$300 to watch my DVD I purchased in Japan, when I already had a perfectly good DVD player that should have been able to play it. There are many other DVDs that I would purchase from Japan, but the thought of my DVD player from Japan breaking and me having to go out and buy a new one from Japan or the UK (they share the same Region code) inhibits me from doing so. In my opinion, I should be able to buy a DVD anywhere in the world and play it in any DVD player anywhere in the world.