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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #3 (Unskippable DVD Advertising): Audiovisual works released on DVD that contain access control measures that interfere with the ability to control private performance, including the ability to skip promotional materials.

Summary:

Disc name: Too many to list

I have a DVD player and use it to watch a great many movies. Within the last year and a half to two years, an increasing number of DVDs have come with movie trailers and advertisements that run in a section that cannot be skipped, so I am forced to watch them or leave the room. A few examples of DVD titles with this "feature" are "The Emperor's New Groove", "The Mummy Returns", and "Hudson Hawk". With VCR-based movies, this is not an issue. It is exclusive to DVDs.

Additionally, some of the content that shows in this section is material that I personally find inappropriate for my children, such as Cameron Diaz in her underwear in the "Something About Mary" trailer.

Since this content comes on DVDs targetted for children, I have had to return some of the DVDs for refund or exchange to other movies, since the material cannot be skipped. I find this type of "forced advertising" to be offensive, yet it seems to be protected under the DMCA. Since I purchased these products, I should be able to skip ANY section of the content that I deem necessary or that I have seen thousands of times, like the warning at the beginning that I cannot use this product for public showing without the express written consent of the publisher.

I mean, how many people do you know in this day and age that HAVEN'T seen this warning innumerable times, since it is included on EVERY video cassette and DVD and has been for nearly 25 years? Please allow consumers to access the digital materials they have purchased with the same fair-use protections that are afforded to them for all other types of analog products.