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Summary:

I support Static Control's proposed exemptions. They encourage competition and recycling of resources.

Supporting arguments:

DMCA is intended to protect artist's work. A container of printer toner is not a work of art.

Static Control needs to be able to make the toner cartridge usable by notifying the printer that there is toner in the cartridge. Without a toner cartridge a printer is broken and will not work. A toner cartridge is no different from any other repair part.

Good purchasing practice requires that there be at least 2 sources of the same item. This is done by large companies to insure there is a backup if something disrupts one vendor. Static Control's proposed exemptions are the best way to allow secondary sources of toner cartridges to exist. More than one source of toner cartridges is the only way to provide competition.

When a consumer can not get toner cartridges for a particular printer because they are no longer manufactured or are too expensive, the printer is junk and not usable. This is waste. Static Control's proposed exemptions can prevent this waste.