

John McCain

Regarding the interpretation of the DMCA to Lexmark's case to prevent Static Control Corporation from remanufacturing toner cartridges for Lexmark printers:

This is a classic example of how the DMCA has been perverted to the detriment of consumers. This interpretation would allow for the manufacturer of any good to enforce a monopoly upon any consumable or accessory of that product by simply adding a chip containing software code, even if the purpose of that chip is trivial. One could imagine vacuum cleaner bags and oil filters with chips installed which would prevent any entity other than the original equipment manufacturer from producing these consumable items.