

In petition of Section 2101 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DCMA) in regards to the possible change of legal status on the act of “jailbreaking” a smartphone, tablet, computer, etc.

As consumers, we have the right and ability to choose our products from a range of competition. I chose an Apple iPhone over an Android device, because I have that ability. Since I have that ability, I believe I should be able to extend my choice in terms of firmware. Apple regulates it's App Store, which some argue is the safest way to keep the integrity of the device. By this logic though, I could either go to facebook.com or any given pornographic website, as is my choice. Facebook, obviously, is more protected and will most likely be a safer environment for my computer. However, I have the right to visit a pornographic website and run the risk of inadvertently downloading a virus, but I still have that choice as a free device user.

I find it unethical to make jailbreaking illegal, because we as consumers have the right to do to our devices what we please. There's a sense of freedom in ownership that should not be neglected.

Also, the jailbreaking community furthers the innovation behind these devices. Apple has continuously transferred ideas into it's operating system that were, until then, only found in the jailbroken community of Cydia. If this ecosystem of innovation were to be defeated and shut down for a minimal reason, we would slow down the innovation from our devices that manufacturers constantly bring to the table for the end consumers.

Here's the kicker: I've never jailbroken a device. Ever. Even still, I see it's importance, and hope that whoever reads this letter learns to see it's importance as well.