

The United States governing body is in place to protect, and provide safety to the citizens that appoint them. I believe that the governing body of this country has lost the understanding of what their job is, and who has given them that job. I would like to inform the bodies that may read this; that the citizens of this great country, this country that has always been based on freedom, shall not accept the DMCA, SOPA, and/or PIPA. As they are blatant infringements on the rights of American citizens. When I go to the local store and purchase a piece of electronic equipment (Playstation 3, XBOX 360, etc.), with money I have worked hard to earn, I expect that said piece of electronic equipment is thereafter my personal property. As it is my property I should be fully able to legally alter said equipment to whatever extent I would like to.

As a Disabled American Veteran, I have earned the ability to live in a free society. Freedom does not simply mean that I am able to voice my opinion; freedom means that I am able to purchase, own, and dictate the manner in which that item is used. For example, if I purchase an automobile, I can freely alter that vehicle in any manner I see fit, of course assuming that manner is within reason concerning safety and "Street Legality". I can replace the engine, I can exchange the tires, and I can even remove the entire interior, and sit on the skeletal remains of the seat, as long as I have a seat belt. What makes a Sony Playstation 3 or an XBOX 360 any different? Would a car not be considered intellectual property in a sense? Someone thought of the idea for the car. I request that you consider that if you are not doing whatever is in your power to protect American citizens from greedy corporations, which would like for us to become product consuming vegetables, then what exactly do you think that your job is? I can tell you that your job is to prevent poor excuses for bills to be passed, and it is to prevent whining executives from controlling America. Also ask yourselves, are you serving the better interests of society? The society which is the people of this country that have given you the opportunity to serve them. I affirm that, unless you renew the exemptions to the DMCA for circumvention of any electronic device purchased and therefore owned by an individual, that you, the Senators, and Congressman of this great nation are doing nothing to serve the people. In fact you are serving corporate interests, interests that will inhibit this country's ability to grow, and prosper.

To clarify and summarize. The property that I outright purchase is mine; it is mine to do with as I please, and I should not have to be concerned with what the corporation that built it does not want me to do. I am an innovator, I am a computer programmer, I am an electrician, I am a tinkerer, and an inventor. Why should I not be able to learn from what it is that I use every day? Permitting a corporation to control my activities and prevent me from gaining full capability my own property is in fact a violation of my freedom that I among my brothers in arms have fought and bled for.

On a final note, I demand that you realize who it is that you actually work for. You do not work for the government, you do not work for a corporation, and you do not work for a lobbyist. You work for me, as well as the rest of free America. You shall never forget that.