

Im writing to express my feelings about the rights of the consumer. Why do companies feel they can dictate what we do with our devices. As long as we are not using them for nefarious purposes we have the right to do with our devices as we wish. If that means we void our warranty then so be it. Many consumers are learning to fix and alter devices for their own needs.

Video game consoles should be expandable to the users needs and requirements. Sony should have recognized the abilities of hardware hackers in using the PS3 for super computer clusters. Indeed our own US government agencies utilized PS3's for scientific research saving millions in purchase costs for a custom system.

Mobile phone handsets should also have no restrictions. As long as any hardware and software alterations do not change the FCC approval for signal interference consumers have the right to make the device work for them in a manner and layout of their choosing.

I am an IT manager for a medical device manufacturer. I am interested in custom electronics and the US is desperately in need of a homegrown electrical engineering and software coders to jumpstart the US economy into the future.

DO NOT make "jail breaking" illegal. It is in our interest as a nation to encourage tinkering and learning about electronics and software.