

I am asking for an exemption for jailbreaking smartphones and tablets. However, I would also advocate for video game consoles as well. I am an IT professional and a smartphone power user. I enjoy testing the latest and greatest on my phone and experimenting with new apps to redefine my daily workflows. I want to ensure that I will continue to have the opportunity to jailbreak my iPhone. I accept the responsibility with jailbreaking my phone and do not have any disillusion about liability. I take personal responsibility for my phone and recognize that if I break it, I will need to restore to factory defaults. I feel that jailbreaking is necessary to add customizations to my phone and offer the best user experience. I do not use it for any illegal means such as stealing apps or unauthorized tethering. I find that some jailbroken apps offer a greater amount of functionality and ease of use to even the average user. Furthermore, I like having the ability to change certain system settings, such as hiding default apps that I have no interest in. One example is the "Stocks" app; while I'm sure this is helpful to those in the financials market or who have such investments, but I think most people do not have such investments and do not need to be kept abreast of Apple's stock value. The fact that I had to create a folder named "Never Use" just to hide these apps before using a jailbroken app to hide such apps. Finally, I'd like to mention that I would like to see patent reform in the coming years. Currently, I believe the patents that are currently held by certain tech corporations were given too lightly. While a company may have been the first to reach the technology, I believe that innovation and capitalism is hurt by patents on multi-touch function. I think that true innovation should be protected, but it should not be a race to patent the most basic of functions.