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Argument: I'd like to support a permanent exemption for jailbreaking smartphones/tablets. More specifically devices such as Android phones/tablets and IOS devices such as iPhones/iPads. As a business device, there are lots of functions that are not accessible due to OEM restrictions. OEMs paint a picture where such restrictions were placed on the devices in question to guarantee a specific "user experience."

Jailbreaking/rooting devices allow me to customize my own user experience and compensate for "features" that contradict my ideal user experience and negatively impact my day to day business functions. Simple tweaks such as changing the behavior of IOS's autocomplete feature pays big dividends when put into business context where the wrong words can spell disaster. The jailbreak app called ManualCorrect allows me to use autocomplete only when I select it (but not completely disabling it) - essentially what you would expect from a proper spell checker in the first place. The jailbreak app SBSettings allow me to access functions missing from the original "user experience" altogether. Functions such as a quick phone restart, fast access to phone resource information, the ability to quickly shutdown applications.

The jailbreak ability allows developers to push the envelope of what can be considered innovation in our vast and fast growing mobile industry. Not allowing such avenues to remain open can only stifle progress.