

To whom it may concern,

I am an end user who has always derived great enjoyment from and found great usefulness in tinkering with my computers, smart phones and other devices. There are many many useful enhancements that I have applied to my jailbroken iPhone some of which have either months or years later been incorporated into them by the manufacturer. For example I have never liked the standard email sound on the iPhone. For years the main reason I jailbroke my iPhone was simply to have access to the files that gave me the ability to change that sound. Now this functionality is built in, but I had it years before Apple got around to doing it for me even though I wrote to them numerous times about their omission.

There are numerous other enhancements that I find make my devices better than Apple envisions them. Apple engineers are bright but they are not omniscient, that is why they release new versions of their hardware and software. Similarly they don't know exactly how I want to use my devices and jailbreaking makes them more flexible and useful for me as well as more enjoyable. I would not buy a smartphone if I couldn't jailbreak it.

It is unfair to force me to have the exact same user experience as my 80 year old aunt. I'm willing to take the risk of instability that unauthorized software could cause. So far I have had no issues with my phone which has been jailbroken for 4 years.

I own the device, no one should be able to tell me what software I can or cannot run on it as long as I'm not using it to break the law. And the fact that a jailbroken phone could potentially be used for such purposes should not factor in to the decision about whether it should continue to be legal to jailbreak it. Non-jailbroken devices are used in the commission of a crimes, yet they are still readily available.

Please do not stifle the innovation, usefulness and pleasure that many of us find in our jailbroken devices. Keep jailbreaking legal. Making jailbreaking illegal will not stop anyone from doing it, it will just criminalize an activity that doesn't harm anyone.

Thank you
-Ezra Dweck