

Dear Copyright Office, (Pertains to category 5)

The exemption to the DMCA for smartphones should be renewed and expanded to tablets. Both devices may be electronic and media related, but in the end, they are tools that people have bought and own. Respect for private property must be maintained as a key American ideal. We, the end users own these tools and should be able to determine how to use them not giant corporations. The corporations' excessive lockdowns inhibit creativity and innovation. As more people become computer literate, more want to run their own software or find innovative new uses for the hardware. People like me, for example. Because I jailbroke my Kindle Fire, I was able to install programs to create Java code and to record videos of my screen. This made me more than just a passive consumer of content, it allowed me to actively participate in the building of web content. But the more important conclusion to draw from this is that it allowed me to expand the capabilities of my device beyond the ideas of a select few in a corporate boardroom. This type of collective contribution is what allowed the innovations of the internet to progress. So in the interests of progress and personal liberty, I urge the Office to renew and expand the jailbreaking exemption for smartphones and tablets.

Sincerely, James