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To whom it may concern –

I am writing to defend jailbreaking smartphones and tablets. This is apparently class 5 in your list, though I believe, as a consumer of electronic equipment, that when you purchase a product, you should have the ability to do with it what you want, ESPECIALLY if you void the warranty.

The plain truth of the matter is that when companies release a product, whether it be a smartphone, gaming console, or what-have-you, the company may not know exactly the best way to have the user interface with the object, or use it to its fullest capabilities.

I jailbreak my smartphone primarily for the ability to interface with it in a way that is superior and more efficient than how it was released by Apple, Inc in this case.

At what point did items that we purchase have a limitation on what we could do with them? So long as we aren't affecting others, I don't see why it would be considered illegal to make alterations to a product so that it increases its value to oneself.

You can make an argument that by tampering with the electronic equipment that it can open it up to do more things than the manufacturer originally intended. I don't see how this is an argument. The argument that jailbreaking allows you to POSSIBLY have the opportunity to infringe on copyrighted material is rather similar to banning custom software on computers because it can be used for ill. The argument is just preposterous. The idea that I buy a smartphone for over \$500 retail and cannot make it work to my needs is a consumer freedom issue.

Thank you so much for your time!

- Jesse Newell