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To Whom This May Concern

I am a CTO who has changed American sports and I have a history in technology.

Apple and other technology companies are trying to prevent owners of their products from having access to their device and software beyond what they deem acceptable.

There is very little precedent in the computer industry of any operating system that would not allow an end user to install, improve, change out, or alter the look of the operating system. Apple does not want end users to be able to change themes, sounds, and programs without Apple being able to make money. This is to exploitative and very scary for the future of software and technology. Apple is creating a completely closed ecosystem but expecting the end user to pay for the device which would indicate ownership, but Apple redefines ownership as only on their terms. So buying any Apple product is really leasing it, and they should not be able to advertise selling a product, since the act of doing so should assign rights of ownership to the end user. If Apple was like Amazon and the Fire product which is a version that you can buy with Advertising associated with it, and Amazon is subsidizing the purchase and has no guarantee of recouping their investment, then polices of not allowing change to an operating system (Jail breaking in iOS jargon) is ok.

Apple is selling their devices to end users and jail breaking should be allowed. In addition, the jail breaking community is not about getting apps for free, in the last survey less than 98 percent of jail breakers never steal apps, but actually create real cool new ways to use the phone. Apple has actually incorporated many of these jailbreak software ideas into their iOS, and this is where it becomes creepy. They don't mind taking the best ideas that come from creative ownership, which they don't pay for, but demand on the other hand that any changes to a device a consumer owns is their property. This is truly getting out of hand.

Please extend the ability of creative people to jailbreak their devices that they own and stop Apple's monocratic software and hardware polices.

Warmly,

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