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REGARDING:
37 CFR Part 201 [Docket No. RM 2011–7]
Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies

My name is Robert Blum.
The numbers of each particular class of works addressed in this comment: **3, 4, 5, 6A**

I am employed fulltime as a software developer. I develop Microsoft Windows programs, but am learning iOS (iPhone) development. I am also a novelist and own the copyright to various works.

Class 3:
I am supporting the ability to jailbreak or root game consoles.
I want to assure that I have the ability to add features or backup software to game console, however, I do not currently own one.

Class 4:
I am supporting the ability to jailbreak or root personal computing devices.
I want to assure that I have ability to add features or backup software or modify firmware or replace firmware to allow the use of alternate operating systems. Some hardware is produced and locked to require that a manufacturer's software is used. This software is another avenue for profit for the manufacturer, which is all right, but if I own the hardware I think that I have a right use what ever software or operating system I choose so long as it doesn't violate the copyright of the software I choose.

Class 5:
I am supporting the ability to jailbreak or root smart phones and tablets.
I want to ensure that I have the ability to continue to jailbreak my iPhone, iPad, and iPod.
I want to be able to jailbreak these devices to allow me to add missing or convenience features. I currently jailbreak my iPhone and iPad. One feature I've added allows me to add more than 12 applications in a single folder on my iPhone. Another allows me to display full resolution iPhone applications on my iPad, instead of displaying them pixilated, distorted, and at half-resolution. On both devices, I use another piece of jailbreak software that allows me to tap once to make changes to settings, like turning on or off Wifi or Bluetooth, rather than multiple taps that due to lighting conditions or timing (like at a stop light when I need to turn on hands-free ability), would be very difficult. Not having these features would make the devices less easy to use. In the case of displaying iPhone apps at full resolution on the iPad, this allows me to better read the screen without reading glasses.

Class 6A:
I am supporting the ability to jailbreak or root smart phones for the purpose of unlocking off-contract smart phones from the carrier lock for use on other networks. Additionally, I am supporting this for on-contract smart phones for the purpose of using the device when traveling internationally.
I want to ensure that I have the ability to continue jailbreaking and unlocking my iPhones.
I have bought three Apple iPhones, all but one of which I now own out-right. One has 3 months of a subsidy contract on it at the time of this writing Since I own the device, I should have the right to modify it any way I want. Regarding the phones that are no longer on contract, I should have the absolute right to jailbreak them and unlock them from the carrier if I so choose. This is a basic property right.