

To whom it may concern,

It has recently come to my attention that it is again being questioned whether or not gaining access to a mobile phone/ personal computer/ gaming systems root file structure and altering it (also known as jailbreaking or rooting) violates Section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). I would like to voice my opinion in stating that this practice does not violate section 1201. While I understand corporations worries are justified, this does not supersede the freedom of the consumer to do what they please with the device they have legally obtained.

As a user of a "jailbroken" iPhone, I can attest to the usefulness and innovation that stems from the activity known as "jailbreaking". While Apple has succeeded in making a very user friendly device, there is always room for improvement. This attitude of making good things great has fostered a thriving community of developers who would otherwise be shut out by Apple due to their iron fist ruling of activities that their devices are allowed to be able to perform. This community has built up a small yet successful economy around it where developers can make a living by creating "tweaks" to the existing iPhone environment to make it a more unique and enjoyable device.

By jailbreaking my device I have increased the usefulness and satisfaction of my Smartphone. This in turn keeps me an active consumer of electronics and its accessories. I am excited when new devices come out because it means more exciting opportunities to see these wonderful developers exercise their abilities to use these devices to the full capability. Be it phones or tablets or gaming consoles, there is always more positive than negative that comes from fostering a community of free thinkers and innovators. This comes in many forms but the most notable is the economic opportunities this kind of activity helps create. This is seen in the creation of jobs and consumers to an already fledgling community of electronic enthusiasts.

Please take these things into consideration when renewing the exemption for personal electronics and the consumer's freedom to do with them what they please.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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