

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

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Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 25: Software security research

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

From past software security research, we have seen time and again that computer security systems developed in secret are deeply flawed almost without exception. Such systems invite cyber criminals, who stand to profit and are not deterred by copyright law, to examine and in time break these systems.

Furthermore, we know it *is possible* to build truly secure and fully open software systems with the use of modern cryptography, but to do so requires the combined talents of many experts in the field. It is very much in the public interest that good-faith security researchers not have to fear prosecution for their work, and by responsible disclosure can help repair security flaws before they are exploited.

Thank you.

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