The Digital Millennium Copyright Act, or DMCA, is a special-interest act designed with one thing in mind: protecting business. It does nothing to address the needs of the consumer, which in the United States of America, is everything. Yes, the interests of business must be balanced with the needs of the consumer, or citizen, but the needs of business should _never_ exceed or be made paramount to the needs of the individuals that make up this nation of ours.

The provisions in this act outlawing reverse engineering will stifle independent development of systems designed for interoperability, unless said systems are “approved” by the group of businesses controlling that technology. The reverse engineering clauses were a bad idea to begin with, but since they already exist, care must be taken to utilize them only when there is a direct violation by a corporation seeking to circumvent financial interest in the controlling organization. These laws should never apply to the individual, that mass group of people who are at the forefront of technological development. We need to advance at our own pace, and not the pace we can afford to buy.

Please: Let right be done. Do the right thing. People are paramount to corporations.