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I am Submitting this message on behalf of myself, a 14 year vetren to information technology.

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To whom it may concern:

Our society long ago decided it is better to let 10 guilty men go free than put one innocent man in prison. This statement seems simple enough, but it sets the foundation for a society that, for the most part, manages itself. This statement does more than protect the innocent, it demonstrates that we can ignore a large amount of crimes . . . and our society will not only continue to function, but be successful, and thrive.

That alone is a powerful concept to realize. It trusts that humans are inherently good and cooperative, and do not need to be micro managed because there are so few "bad guys" out there, we can afford to let most of them go even the evil ones, just to make us feel better that there is probably not a innocent person in there.

Information technology has changed my life since 6th grade when my parents purchased a Apple //e computer. I suffered in the public schools due to a undiagnosed learning disorder, and failed out of high school. The talents gained from my hobby-turned-obsession are the basis for my career today. I manage information systems for City Hall in my hometown of Glendora, California. With basically no formal education my position would not be possible if it where not for an overwhelming amount of knowledge and intuition I have for computers.

Now I don't understand the exact wording on the prohibition and adversely effected whatever... I'm too dyslexic to cancel out all those positive and negative signs correctly. Here is what I know: Technology, like our society, is unaffected when access control technologies are circumvented for non-infringing use. I'm assuming non-infringing use is purely for educational purposes or for personal uses, not for personal profit.

Industry is not hurt by people duplicating video tapes at their home. Industry is hurt by organizations mass duplicating in a warehouse and selling them as impersonations to retailers. The difference between video tapes and the situation with the DVD/DeCSS issue is there was no technology to scramble video tapes. So the argument never came

up. Mass "pirate" production was criminalized and, eventually, copying for personal use was allowed.

Should this technology be protected by wording in DMCA? No. DeCSS and comparable technologies are nothing more than a padlock. As access control technology, there is distinction without a difference. Even though it has a fancy name it deserves no special treatment. Making an effort to criminalize an action (breaking a lock), **REGARDLESS OF INTENT** undermines the basis of what this society stands for.

Our society is based on the fact that evils will go unpunished and the world will still be fair. Criminals will walk the street and Industry will still have profits. Thieves will rob the banks and we will all still be rich. It is a string of contradictions, but we have the power to sacrifice micro-managed control, in the pursuit of an ideal.

That ideal is: I'm ok, your ok. This land is your land, this land is my land.... lets go have a beer.

Thank you for the audience,

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