

Hello,

I am writing to support the jail breaking exemption of smartphones and tablets.

My philosophical reasons are very simple: I own the device and I believe that grants me the rights to be able to do what I want with it.

My background is that I'm a software developer and an artist. I worked in software development in the photography industry for 10 years. I'm currently pursuing an MFA at SFAI working on new media (including mobile app development).

I want the legal authority to jailbreak my iPhone and my iPad.

Without being able to jailbreak the iPhone, I can only innovate within a very small window provided by Apple. Apple keeps APIs closed for competitive advantage, particularly in working with the camera hardware. Without jailbreaking my iPhone, I can't develop and distribute apps that use all of the hardware and software features of the device.

Thank you,
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