

This comment is in reference to classes 5,3 and 4

To whom it may concern,

I am respectfully submitting this in the hopes that the Copyright Office will consider renewing the DCMA exemption on the “jail-breaking” of smart phones and consider extending it to Tablets, General Computing devices and Game Consoles. As a consumer it is my belief that I should have the ability to “tinker” with things I have paid for. An important FACT is that “smart-phone” carriers are doing a TERRIBLE job updating their software therefore “rooting” my smart-phone in order to install a custom “ROM” is the only way my phone can be kept current and able to access content made for the newer versions of the OS. I am not a person of means and I need to keep my computing devices much longer than average as a result of this the exemption for “jail-breaking” is especially important to me.

By way of personal testimony, I own a prepaid Virgin Mobile phone the “Motorola Triumph” which the carrier shipped with the older “Android froyo” OS and not the later “Honeycomb”. The Triumph also had several usability problems and glitches which I was forced to deal with until I saw a guide to “rooting” your triumph and how to install Honeycomb by way of a Cyanogen-mod port specifically for the triumph. This at once solved most of my phones glitches but also made it possible to use newer software thus extending this less than rich users phones life.

I believe it is vital to extend this protection to not only myself as a consumer but to the developers that make the Roms and also distribute the information that makes it easier and safer to Root and ROM our devices. I do not want to become a criminal and neither do the developers.

In closing I urge you to not listen to the corporate forces that are clamoring to take away the freedom we now have to explore and improve our electronic devices

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

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