

I believe in freedom of choice for the consumer. This exemption allows for any consumer to have the freedom to choose what they wish to do with a product that they purchased.

The easiest way to cite the flaw in not renewing this exemption would be by example. To keep in the related filed I will use HP as an example. If I buy an HP desktop or laptop

I own the product so I can modify its hardware to my liking or I can throw it out a two story window. Technology has improved to the point that my laptop or desktop is now

combined into a phone and will fit in my pocket, the smartphone. In the eyes of most consumers there is no difference. By allowing this exemption to expire I believe it could

set a dangerous precedent. What if HP or another PC manufacturer decides to lock down everything about their product? How can we be sure that it stops there? Will other

companies decide that if tech companies can be protected shouldn't they be also? Freedom of choice is what we all want as a consumer and laws against such an idea are oppressive

and dangerous. This is the United States of America, built on freedom of choice, don't take away that right for us consumers.

Sincerely,

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