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I am writing in support of continuing and extending exemptions for the modification of manufacturer software installed on phones, tablets, and videogame consoles. As a user of these devices, I have often found a device that I purchased is limited not by the technical capabilities of the device, but by software restrictions added by the manufacturer. These modifications to aspects of the software like the user interface, applications to allow the device to interface with other devices, or perhaps the ways that the device uses its hardware inputs have the capability of extending the value of the device far beyond its value when shipped from the manufacturer. Devices that would benefit from gives users the legal authority to jailbreak include the mobile computing devices like the Apple iPhone and Apple iPad as well as videogame consoles like the Microsoft XBOX 360 and Sony Playstation 3.