

I'm commenting in regard to classes 3, 4, and 5. All of my arguments apply to them equally.

United States laws already provide for the redress of such crimes as copyright infringement, and entities have every right to pursue it ONCE THE CRIME OCCURS.

But paper mills cannot dictate what I draw on pieces of paper that I buy. Calculator manufacturers cannot dictate the numbers I enter into their devices. A tea-kettle manufacturer cannot stop me from warming soup in its product. And yet the purveyors of certain devices feel that they have a special right to infringe on ours.

How many critical and history-changing inventions would never have occurred if resourceful people hadn't modified their own property to make it into something better or completely different? The result of these advances has been vast public good, measured in both economic value and our quality of life. Why should a few corporate interests be abetted in attempting to outlaw personal industry, essentially halting innovation pursued by anyone but themselves?

Aside from the broader benefit to society, what about our rights to use our own property as we see fit, as long as that use does not cause harm to others? Can the nail industry dictate how I use a hammer?

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