

To whom it may concern,

Jailbreaking phones and tablets is a great asset to consumers. One example is: rooting android phones/tablets and installing custom roms is the only way to keep up to date with Google's android OS on many devices. Most carriers will not update a device greater than 6 months after its release. So you are stuck with a phone with an out of date OS which could pose security threats and compatibility issues for the rest of your 2 year contract. The android community has risen greatly to the challenge. There are now custom roms for almost every single android device released which update devices to the latest and greatest version of Android. This allows everyone to stay up to date and keep devices for longer and do more with your devices.

On the IOS side of things, jailbreaking allows me to add some pretty useful features to my phone; features that apple would never be allowed into its app store. When I need a flashlight, the LED flash on my phone is activated with two simple button presses, a huge time saver, (volume +, then volume -) instead of unlocking the phone, entering the passcode, finding the app, opening it, and activating the light. Little tweaks like this make all the difference in the world. There are thousands of little tweaks like this that exist in the jailbreak store that do not and could not exist in apple's app store.

I feel that we as paying consumers should be able to do what we like with our devices. It is not fair for a company to arbitrarily mandate regulations on something that you own. Jailbreaking/rooting phones and tablets is benefit for consumers everywhere and should be a right.

Thank you for your time,

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