My name is Dr. Kenny Murray. I am writing in support of the Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies on Class 5 works including smartphones and tablets. The continuation of this exemption is vital to the continued innovation and open access provided by the Android operating system (though I additionally support circumvention of the locked operating systems on iOS devices as well). As consumers, we purchase these devices from companies that we continue to pay for access to their networks. We own the device, yet the manufacturers and carriers are attempting to retain the ability to limit what we can do with devices that we own. Even with the exemption in place, there are carriers such as Verizon Wireless who prohibit the use of custom operating system images on some of their devices. One such device is the Motorola Droid RAZR, which has the manufacturer-provided option of an unlocked bootloader. Verizon elected to disable this feature, and thus prohibit "jailbreaking" this device. I want to ensure that I have the continued legal authority to jailbreak the cellular handset that I own, as well as tablet devices that I own.

I am a medical doctor, and the open access provided by jailbreaking allows me to customize my device by increasing the processing power (overclocking), which provides me faster access to the information required to take care of my patients. Furthermore, customizations that maximize the battery life of the device ensure that I have access to the device for the full duration of a 16 hour work day without having to charge it. Finally, prohibiting the jailbreaking/rooting of devices ensures that the wireless carriers have a captive audience that pays hundreds of dollars to be advertised to on a mobile device. For a device that I own, I should have full control over what applications are installed, but without the legal authority to root and install custom operating systems on my device, I am forced to pay for bloated ad-heavy operating systems.

I strongly urge the continuation of this exemption and its expansion to cover all smartphones and tablets.

Summary of argument: The ability to install custom operating systems on my Android phone allows for me to access information faster. The ability to remove the carrier-installed applications on my phone ("bloatware") allows for my phone to perform tasks faster. The ability to overclock the processor on my phone (which requires circumventing the copyright protection on the device) allows me to process operations and information faster. Faster access to information translates directly to improvements in the medical care of my patients, faster response times in decision making, and ensures and facilitates accurate information-gathering while remaining efficient.