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Class of Work: Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies

Number of Proposed Class of Work: 5

I support jailbreaking for smartphones/tablets. Jailbreaking allows for greater creativity and access on mobile platforms such as Apple's iOS5 and Google's Android.

I personally use an Apple iPhone 4S and jailbreaking allows me to install applications that provide features that Apple either does not support or does not allow. The Apple App Store is a great place to download applications that Apple has vetted for security and stability. But, Apple is not always transparent with the application review process and many rules are in place that restrict developer creativity.

Jailbreaking an iPhone allows the user the choice of which applications are right for them. Many usability features can only be added after jailbreaking through tweaks that independent developers have made for iOS. By developing these user interface improvements, developers are putting pressure on Apple to improve their own software.

In summary, jailbreaking allows for greater consumer choice on mobile platforms, more developer creativity, and pushes forward Apple's own software development. I hope that the U.S. Copyright Office will declare that jailbreaking does not violate the DMCA.