

Please approve legislation suggested by the Software Freedom Law center to allow modification of software on personal devices by end users.

I have "jailbroken" my phone. I did not do this to use unauthorized applications, AT&T and Samsung simply did not find it economical to continue supporting my Infuse smartphone; a phone that was less than seven months old at the time. Several applications stopped working or never worked in the first place due to a requirement that my phone have the gingerbread operating system. AT&T claimed that the update was "coming soon" but I waited another four months and no update came. I finally spent six hours on a Saturday to research how to update my own phone via "jailbreaking" and was able to complete the process. My phone worked faster, with better battery life than ever before, and all of the "unsupported" applications worked.

I do not fault companies for not supporting all of their devices. With the pace of technology it must be difficult and expensive to update all devices simultaneously as new operating systems are updated.

There is a very active community however, of technology enthusiasts who provide this service for free at the expense of their own time and expertise. I think it would be a crime to make what these people do illegal. Freely shared technology should be part of the commonwealth of society, it creates the innovation and creative competition that has made the world a better place and continues to do so.

Sincerely,

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