

Dear Copyright Office,

I support jailbreaking, rooting, and any other software manipulation on ANY electronic device that is purchased by a consumer. It is any consumer's GOD GIVEN RIGHT to do with their property how he/she deems necessary as long as it is not directly infringing on the public law, even if it enables piracy. Piracy is illegal as it should be, and persons violating that law should be targeted, NOT the persons modifying software that happens to enable it.

Being in control of every aspect of a device is essential to keeping privacy, security, and innovation in the hands of the PUBLIC where it belongs, but it also prevents monopolization of the software market by allowing the public to write their own software. A locked device is a DEAD device, and only serves as a tool for companies to monopolize the market, spy on consumer actions, and violate first amendment rights by keeping the public quiet through the threat of suit.

I am simply an average consumer. I own a Motorola Photon. If I was not able to root and unlock this device, I would not be able to control how my software interacts with the internet, something that I see as ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL in order to keep my online privacy and security. I could not do so if the online collaboration of a vast, open community of software developers and engineers were silenced by the threat of lawsuit.

In 2010, the Copyright Office said jailbreaking smartphones doesn't violate the DMCA. I ask that you renew that exemption and expand it to cover ANY consumer device. I have the right by ownership to modify any part of any device I buy, including the software, and by the first amendment, can discuss that modification with the world. No one should fear the threat of lawsuit for doing so.

Thank you,
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