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Comment regarding the Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems
for Access Control Technologies

I am writing to urge the Copyright Office to renew and expand the exemptions for "jailbreaking" (5)mobile phones, electronic tablets, and (3)video game consoles. "Jailbreaking", also known as "rooting", allows users to get the most out of their devices, effectively increasing their value. It's not a matter having spent good money on these devices, even though this is one of the main reasons it should be allowed. As human beings, we all have different preferences, standards, and tastes. Expression is a form of communication, and we use smartphones/tablets and gaming consoles for communication. Therefore it follows that we should be able to tailor them.

Mobile service carriers install their own applications on smartphones and cripple certain functionalities before they are sold. In other words, *they have already made the decision* for the user how it should be used. Currently, I own a Motorola Milestone smartphone. If I weren't able to jailbreak, or root it, I would not have been able to:

- Uninstall apps that I don't need, freeing up valuable space and memory capacity.
- Install apps that enable backing up and restoring apps, data, and/or settings. This is essential for any computing device.
- Customize and tweak performance settings, allowing it to run faster.
- Install and run security apps that protect the phone from malware/viruses, etc.

Sincerely,
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