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Copyright Office
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Dear US Copyright Office,

I believe that, when I have purchased a device, I have every right to open my possessions, physically or digitally, and alter it to work in the way that I want. It's no different than opening up the hood of a car and adding, subtracting or exchanging parts to get different performance levels out of it. I have jailbroken my iPhone so that I could add useful features that Apple did not include (some of which they adopted straight from the Jailbreak community on newer versions of the OS). These features were designed to make using the phone easier and give me more insight into how it works. I've Homebrewed my Wii to add key missing features that an entertainment device should have). I'm just a hobbyist in the jailbreak community, but I am a developer of Apps for iOS. I don't jailbreak so that I can steal apps that other developers worked hard on. I have apps for sale through Apple's AppStore, I understand how much it would hurt to lose sales to a black-market of apps. But that's not why we jailbreak. We jailbreak so that we can improve. We jailbreak so that we can make the device more personal. We jailbreak for fun, to improve workflows and improve security. When Apple denies an app from their store because it directly competes with their built in ones (like when they used to not allow alternative web browsers) or because they don't find the content suitable, developers are able to find an audience on Cydia and be rewarded for their work.

So what sort of things have I installed on my jailbroken phone (class 5)? Before iOS 5 I downloaded a feature that improved the then annoying notification system. The new one implemented by Apple is almost identical. I installed a program that allows me to change settings from the notification center, eliminating the need to go through several pages of settings screens to turn my WiFi on and off. I've altered my lock screen to provide more information in the same amount of space. I've added more programs to the dock at the bottom of the screen so I can access my favorites more easily.

On my gaming system, I've made some alterations (class 3). I have added a

media center to my Wii so that I can use it to listen to music at parties and watch DVDs (which Nintendo does not allow the system to do out of the box even though it is capable). I'm still new to Wii Homebrewing, but I have seen many many useful tweaks out there.

All of this applies to Android handsets, gaming systems, personal computers, tablets and anything else that we own. These are our devices that we paid for and we have a right to use them as we see fit and distribute our tinkering to others. I support comment numbers 3, 4, and 5. I support allowing us to jailbreak, homebrew and root our phones, tablets, gaming systems and personal computing devices.

In summary, I see no legal right of the device creators to dictate what we can and cannot do after we have purchased it. **They can void our warranties and refuse to fix it when we break it, but they have no legal right to tell us how we are allowed to use it.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Caruso", written in a cursive style.

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