

Regarding classes 3, 4, and 5.

I believe that computers, including smartphones, tablets, game consoles, personal computers, watches, and all manner of electronic devices on which a microprocessor interacts with dynamic memory to perform computing functions, are simply machines. As such, restricting them in any way, especially with the use of copyright regulation, is completely misdirected. An automobile is under no such restriction and, as a machine, has evolved into its current form due to the fact that inventors and engineers have been free to deconstruct, modify, enhance, and create new works without restriction in both material or thought. This ability is at the very core of innovation and we must strive to protect it.

I am a software engineer and my livelihood depends on me being able to modify and improve the computing devices on which I work. To do this effectively requires access to the whole of a device's capabilities. "Jailbreaking" or, as I like to call it, programming is essential to allowing me to tap into the power of a device. I do not perform "Jailbreaking" to harm a consumer or a company. I "Jailbreak" devices to provide my customers with programs that enhance some aspect of their life.

I am asking you to enact regulation that ensures developers like myself have access to the critical services afforded by properly configured computing devices. Any device that restricts a developer's access to the full capabilities of the device is not "properly configured". Today, "Jailbreaking" is a means of properly configuring a device.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
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