

Dear Sirs,

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Smartphones, tablets, and video game consoles are powerful computers with lots of untapped potential. Yet many of these devices are set up to run only software that's been approved by the manufacturer. Modifying a device to run independent software – known as jailbreaking – is important to programmers, enthusiasts, and users.

I ask that the U.S. Copyright Office declare that jailbreaking does not violate the DMCA. I am asking that U.S. Copyright Office renew that exemption (otherwise it will expire) and expand it to include tablets.

I have worked in the computer industry for well over 30 years. This exemption is vital in allowing the creativity of the American people to be unfettered. We need to keep American technology alive and allow for future developments in this area.

Please renew the exemption.

Sincerely,

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