

I am writing to support the Smartphone/Tablets and Video Game Console exemption. I am a hobbyist who has the firm belief that I should be able to modify the products I buy and the US Copyright Office should not take our right of personal property away. I have an iPhone 4s and feel since I paid \$600 to buy it I have every right to do with it what I please. I equate this belief to owning a home.

When I was a renter I was not able to hang a picture on the wall unless I got approval from my landlord much like if I were renting a phone I would respect the limitations put on it by the owner. But since I bought my own home I can hang a picture or do what I want to it within reason and similarly I should be able to do what I please with my phone.

If you want to impose rules such as I have building codes and ordinances controlling what I can do to my home that would seem reasonable but taking my individual rights away because some will undoubtedly use the freedom to steal or commit other crimes is not a compelling enough argument in my opinion to take our rights away.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts.