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Re: Docket No. RM 2011-7  
Exemptions to Prohibition on Circumvention of Technological  
Measures that Control Access to Copyrighted Works

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your participation in the recent hearings relating to proposed Class 4 in the Copyright Office's "1201 Rulemaking" proceeding.

Following our review of the transcripts, we would like to ask that you respond to the following question no later than Monday, July 2:

At the June 5 hearing, questions were raised concerning Microsoft's new Windows 8 operating system and its supposed ability to prevent the unauthorized installation of third party independent operating systems. On this point, the Office referenced an article recently posted on Boingboing entitled "Lockdown: free/open OS maker pays Microsoft ransom for the right to boot on users' computers." See <http://boingboing.net/2012/05/31/lockdown-freeopen-os-maker-p.html>.

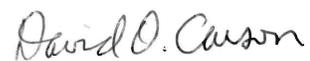
In light of this article, please discuss whether and how Windows 8 would prevent another operating system from being installed on a particular computing device.

Please respond by letters sent as email attachments, addressed to [1201@loc.gov](mailto:1201@loc.gov), with hard copy mailed to:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David O. Carson".

David O. Carson  
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