

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, A. G..

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When I bought my phone, (1) it tracked me via GPS all the time, even when it was "off", (2) its built-in wireless networking functionality was purposely crippled by my carrier, and (3) its battery lasted for 14-16 hours under normal use. By unlocking my phone, I am able to (1) move without a tracking device on my hip, (2) use the phone's full potential, and (3) triple the battery life, to more than 48 hours.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Aaron Reynolds.

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If I buy a phone I own it just like anything else in the world that I legally buy. It is as simple as that. Even if it is under contract pricing, once the phone is paid for, and I own it, then I should be able to do whatever I wish with it. The company (carrier or manufacturer) has given me that right by taking my money.

Thank you for your consideration. May God have mercy on our souls.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Aaron Teerlink.

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As a hard working father of six (yes six) I strive to make every dollar I earn work to the absolute maximum potential. This includes everything my wife and I buy. We specifically purchase items that will have the longest use possible, from clothes and shoes to furniture and electronics. We have a few smartphones that have reached end of life as far as the cell phone companies are concerned, but that's because they don't support the software that the phones use. Since the software is essentially locked I am not able to update it and continue using it. Trade in value is \$1 or nothing. If I could continue to use it, then the value would be equivalent to the purchase of a new phone, since I'm getting the same use out of it. Since new phones can be costly (especially when adding new lines to the family plan), having a cell phone for my kids to use or share becomes cost prohibitive. This is the case when it shouldn't have to be. Being able to unlock my older phones would allow me to reuse what I already have and be able to save my money for other needs.

The protections the law should provide should benefit the people who are governed by them providing greater freedom, not less. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Aaron.

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Do I even need to talk about vendor lock-in when phone companies are concerned anymore? Sure anti-trust laws weren't created to protect cell phones, but for most of us the only recent enactment was against AT&T. Pure profit motivations will always lead to trying to convince your customer base that they can't leave you. And with phone companies by blocking unlocking phones, they've done better than that "sure you can leave, but here's your astronomical fee to cancel early and oh yeah, that phone? it'll never work with anyone else's network so you'd better come back if you like it". What. The. Heck? Anyway, I'll shut up now as I'm sure there are far more reasoned arguments headed your way, this is just one techie's take on it. Thanks folks for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Adam Di Angelo.

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I travel internationally to visit friends and family. When overseas, I cannot use local SIM chips with my locked US mobile phone. Instead of being able to simply exchange chips within the same device, I have to have a separate mobile for communication abroad.
Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Adam Pridgen.

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I am a security professional and I use my smart phone for day to day business operations. In fact the tasks that I use my phone for are a bare minimum and can be enumerated quite easily. However, I am forced to purchase a new phone every few years because the manufacturer and Verizon will no longer support or patch the operating system on the phone. Furthermore, my wife and I have no need to change our phone plan so we are forced to pay full price for our phones which amounts to over \$1000 when we need to upgrade. If I don't pay this additional "tax", any sensitive data from business transactions or communications could be subject to compromise, which would destroy my business and reputation. If my phone was unlocked, I or someone else in the community using the same type of Android phone could create the required security updates, which could then be used to mitigate the software insecurities of my phone. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Adam Wallace.

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Ownership of the device should allow me to make my own decision as to which carrier I use. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Adil Majid.

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I'm stuck overpaying for my smartphone (since I'm locked into my junk cell service contract for two years, even after I've paid down the phone), and I no longer have the option to switch carriers if a better plan arises. This is a big deal particularly as my income level changes and I no longer want to be locked into an expensive plan -- but I can't leave that expensive plan without paying an expensive fee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Adrian Hood.

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When I need to change service providers I want to take my phone with me. I want to own my devices.

If we suppress our ability to create, learn, and modify our own property then we will set in motion a world that fosters stupidity and dependence, not innovation and progress. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Alexander Miller.

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The idea that I should be unable to unlock my phone - that I have purchased - and do what I please with it (within the law) is clearly absurd. We need the ability to make improvements to our phones. In a free market economy like the USA we should be able to move from one cell provider to another at will and not be bound by artificial and monopolistic market barriers. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Alex G.

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If I can't unlock my devices then it greatly limits my choices for devices and carriers and makes switching much more expensive and wasteful.
Hooray! Thanks for reading!

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Alex Reid.

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I travel internationally, and always buy my phones outright rather than use cell company subsidies or lease plans. I deserve the right to be able to unlock my property. Digital ownership should be treated like physical ownership; things I purchase should be mine to use as I see fit.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Alex Weber.

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When I buy a phone or other device, I want to own it and not be restricted to only use it with one carrier

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Alfonso Apuzzo.

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I want to be able to unlock my phone so that I can re-purpose it to other uses once it has ceased to be worth using on the carrier's network. For example, I have an old phone that I rooted and installed a version of Android that is optimized for use as a digital photo frame. Without the ability to modify the software on the phone, this would be difficult or expensive, or both. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Allan Graves.

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I switch networks to travel internationally. I bring my own device to various networks, to choose the best price and performance. I do want to unlock!Ú

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Amos Blanton.

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I want the freedom to use any software I want to use on my phone - that is what purchasing a piece of hardware means to me.
Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, A Naik.

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let us unlock the phones we bought.
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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Anand Subbaraman.

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Please allow consumers to unlock the phones they have purchased. It is understandable if the manufacturer wishes to void the warranty on the phone if the consumer modifies the original firmware/OS, but it is important for the user to be able to modify his own phone for his own purposes without it being deemed a criminal act!

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Andrew Hamilton.

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Every other democratic country allows consumers to unlock their phones. I'm from Australia and this is a basic right. What is wrong with America - Is it still the land of the free? Thank you for your consideration.

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I enjoy using my phone how I please. Unlocking my phone tends to give me a better experience because it allows me to remove the manufacturer installed software that I don't use but also slows down the operation of the phone. I am also enjoy tinkering and have not malicious attempt when doing so. I just wish to operate and understand things as I see fit.Ú

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I believe that I play manufacturers for the right to actually own my phone after paying them legal tender for it and that this ownership should be honored and allow me to use the phone as insee fit!

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Andrew Hart.

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The only way I can get auto answer for my iPhone, which is a critical function for my job, is to jail break it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Andrew Krukowski.

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Anyone unlocking phones for nefarious purposes WILL find a way to do it regardless. I'd like to have the freedom to unlock my phone lawfully.
Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Andrew M Wallace.

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I paid for the device and in some instances I can make improvements to it that are uniquely suited for me. I should not have to run afoul of the law to jailbreak my phone and install the handful of custom apps I made.

Please please side with consumers who want to actually own the things they buy.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Andrew Scammon.

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I'm not a hacker, just a guy who believes that when I pay a fair price for a product I should receive the whole product.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Andy.

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I bought the item I should have full control over what I choose to do with it.
Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Anthony Jay.

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I paid a lot of good money for my phone. I should be able to use it on whatever network I like. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Antony.

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I paid full price , so I should have all freedom to do what I want with my phone.
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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Art Miller.

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While I have not unlocked any cell phone I have owned yet, I work in a repair shop where some of their business is unlocking peoples cell phones. Some people are given phones or they buy phones that are locked to another carrier. No one should be forced to drop their current cell phone plan just to use a phone that they got as a present or as a great deal from someone. I have always felt that copyright law was intended to protect the ideas and inventions of the person, but they didn't remove the consumers right to build upon those ideas, expand them, and turn them into something else that no one ever thought possible.

Removing that ability will make it nearly impossible for hobbyists and inventors to be innovative and create something new for the benefit of society.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Austin Gore.

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As an average consumer, I benefit from the freedom to unlock my cellphone for use with other carriers. This improves my choice in which phones I can buy, as unlocked devices are less common and often more expensive.

The DMCA needs to be revised to promote consumer freedom, creativity and innovation. The three year exemption process is not enough to ensure this. The DMCA should not enforce issues where no copyright is at stake, nor should it infringe on my rights to break drm without the intention to violate copyright. Thank you.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Benjamin Croxton.

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Keeping the ability to root or unlock a cellular device is a large benefit to average consumers. I recently switched cell service from AT&T to T-Mobile, due to the ability to easily root and then unlock my device I was able to save a lot of money and time by just continuing to use that device with T-Mobile. I think it has been fairly well proven by now that security through obscurity does nothing to prevent criminal activity, and instead only complicates legal endeavors for the common consumer and user!

When a consumer purchases something, it should belong to them in general. If they want to take it apart to tinker, repair, or improve the item they should be completely free to do so. Changing these laws and regulations at the source is in the best interest of the general consumer/citizen. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Benjaming Gray.

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I've wasted hundreds of dollars on buying multiple phones because I can't take my phone with me when switch carriers. So to test out if a carrier even has good reception in my area, I have to buy a new phone. I've run into times when I've bought phones for my family only to find out that the reception was so bad it wouldn't even work in my house. So after buying three phones, I had to buy three more for a different carrier.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Benjamin Palfi.

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Restrictions to unlock my phone keep me from being able to use my creativity to make the phone do more than it is capable of. As a computer engineer, I enjoy modifying my device from what it is allowed to do, to bring more exciting features. I go to hackathon and work with devices such as phones to create new and exciting technology. With this being prohibited, not only will I not really be the owner of my phone, but I will also not be able to use it to its full potential.

Thank you for your consideration. As an average American, I would like you to consider my freedom. The freedom to choose how to use the devices I work hard to spend money on. The freedom to allow my creativity and innovation to trickle into these devices and move the world forward into the future. Taking away the ability of every American to use their brain and education to make something to their liking or to repair something they understand is taking away freedom.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Benjamin Shell.

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I'm the one spending \$650 or more for premium phones, so I should be able to unlock it to use on another carrier.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ben K.

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It's my phone. Regardless of the whole 'licensed, not sold' thing that the license agreement claims, the phone— a chunk of metal and plastic— has been sold, to me, and it's mine and I should be able to modify it as I feel like.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ben Stallard.

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It's a very simple concept. I bought it, I should own it and be able to control what I want to do with it from there. If that means repairing a broken screen on my own, unlocking a phone and moving it to a different service, wiping the OS and replacing it with a different one, then that should be MY decision and my decision only. The manufacturer has already recieved their due when I purchased the device. Why are they still able to lay a claim to what I purchased? Thank you for your consideration. I dearly hope your decision will reflect the will of we, the people, rather than the corporate world.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brad Huffman.

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Barring any other technical limitations (differing types of networks - CDMA or GSM - there should be no reason I couldn't take a phone that I legally owned (by purchasing outright or satisfying the terms of a contract) from one carrier to another.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Bradley Balach.

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I understand not allowing a phone to be unlocked during a contract, because at that point the phone does not fully belong to you as the cost was subsidized by the carrier. However after that time have expired you should have the ability to take that phone to any carrier that you choose. Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Bradly Snow.

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If I pay for a phone then why should I be told how to use it? Are phone companies like apple and samsung going to tell me I cant make a phone call with their phone because they own the rights to the software?

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brad Williamson.

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I would like the ability to do whatever I want with the hardware I own.
Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brandon Erickson.

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If I own a cellular telephone outright (i.e I have fully paid the cost for the device), I OWN it. Which means if I want to unlock the HW and put my own software on it, or use it with another carrier, I have every right to do that. Ownership still means I control what happens to my property. It will always mean that, no matter how you decide to spin your own interpretation of the concept.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brandon Wheat.

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I don't want to have to buy a new phone just because I'm traveling and need to switch service providers. Hardware isn't cheap.
Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brett Carter.

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It is not right that the phones we buy and SHOULD own are not easily transferable from carrier to carrier. Each carrier's service is not a uniquely patentable and enforceable service in which such use protections should apply. This would be like buying a car and only being allowed to fill it up at one type of gas station. This law increases the barriers to changing a carrier, limiting competition and hurting the American consumer.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brett Wright.

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My cell phone is cluttered with software I don't use. Software that has the ability to track and record my activities even though I don't use, don't want it and don't like it.Ú

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And I can not delete it. Ú

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This is tantamount to surveillance of my private life by a company that I have "purchased" a product from to use their "Service". While they record my life and feed it to 3rd parties and their own marketing department.

Simply put, having options is what has made America great. Freedom of Speech, Gathering, the Press, etc. Innovation occurs because the option existed to pursue it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brian Hardie.

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When consumers purchase a physical device, that device should belong to the consumer, not the manufacturer. Property and ownership rights are integral to our society and economy. I wholeheartedly believe that contracts should be honored. Thus, a consumer should not be able to move away from a contractual obligation to maintain service while paying off a phone subsidy. However, the physical device, once in the possession of the consumer should be in the consumers control. It shouldn't matter to the service provider what the consumer does with the device as long as the financial terms of the contract are met.Ú

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Restricting consumer rights to physical devices may help manufacturers in the short term, but such restrictions will hurt us all in the long term.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brian Hawthorne.

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The only way to successfully allow competition among cell phone providers is for customers like me to be able to easily move my phone to the provider who offers the best service at the lowest price. Cellphone locking is simply a way for members of an oligopoly to restrict competition.

The first-sale doctrine must apply to physical objects that happen to contain software. I should be allowed to do whatever I want with my property, including the copy of the software that is embedded in that property.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brian Langevin.

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I should be able to use a phone I purchase on whatever carrier I wish.
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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brian Purkiss.

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If I buy it and own it, I should be able to do what I want with it.

If I purchase something and own it, I should be able to do what I want with it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Brook drumm.

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Specials needs require this
Thank you for your consideration.

Let Americans innovate and extend. Don't crush the can-do spirit of innovators. Let users explore, create and invent new approaches of entertainment, ingenuity, and stretching the dollar. Let us fix what is broken.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Bryan Headley.

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If i buy my phone at full market cost i should be entitled to full access to the device as well
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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, B Spencer Zawasky.

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I want to be able to update the OS on my phone to address security problems that the Phone vendor won't bother to because they want me to buy a brand new phone.

These common sense concessions promote competition and innovation, and keep America competitive, and keep America great.

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I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Cary Allen.

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My telephone is a tool. I purchased it to serve my needs. When I am not under a contract to a service provider, I should be able to use my phone as I see fit. There is no rational reason to restrict the use of my property for any lawful purpose that I choose.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will rein in manufacturers who attempt to control people's behavior with products they have sold them.

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Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, C Clarke.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

People who are working can't access their cell phones whenever they NEED to. Thanks for reading and keep on making your citizens proud.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Chandler Reynolds.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I am paying the full price for the hardware of my phone that is running an open-source operating system (Android), then I should not be forced to remain with a specific carrier. Unlocking phones provides consumers with more flexibility and encourages competition. I was employed and was able to purchase a smartphone with a nice data plan on a major carrier. However, I was laid off and needed to scale back my expenses to account for my loss of income. When unlocking phones was illegal I would have been forced to remain with my expensive carrier instead of being able to transition to a cheaper carrier. Every consumer needs this flexibility.

I urge you to think logically and objectively about each of these issues and to gather your own data before making a ruling. Think about the smartphone in your own pocket and how you would react if it was illegal for you to make your own decision about which carrier to use with your phone. It is important to prevent plagiarism and knock-offs, but it is far more important to encourage competition and innovation. Taking ownership out of the consumer's hands will not benefit the general public, and will stifle competition and innovation in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, charissa eller-doughty.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Please protect our freedoms. We own the items we buy in the marketplace and shouldn't be penalized for using them as we see fit. Humans have always innovated and improved upon the tools on our hand. to make legislature blocking us from this evolution is inhumane and infringement on our rights. I want to back up all my DVDs, I want to be able to 3d print with whatever materials available if I purchase a printer. Stop valuing businesses over individuals. Please protect our freedoms. We own the items we buy in the marketplace and shouldn't be penalized for using them as we see fit. Humans have always innovated and improved upon the tools on our hand. to make legislature blocking us from this evolution is inhumane and infringement on our rights. I want to back up all my DVDs, I want to be able to 3d print with whatever materials available if I purchase a printer. Stop valuing businesses over individuals. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Charles Bridgeman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Buying a phone is a major investment. I should have the ability to change carriers or run any software on my phone that I like if I purchase a device.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope that we can decide what is right for the people of this country, and not what is right for the corporate interests and lobbyists.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Charles Hill.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought a phone, why can't I carry it from Verizon to Sprint?
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Charles R Andre.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Manufacturers give up supporting smartphones after a year or so because they want you to buy a new one. This is ridiculous. The hardware in a 3 year old phone is still powerful enough for regular use, but lack of software updates makes it less useful. I have rooted/unlocked phones I own and have extended their useful life. This activity should be legal, and is my RIGHT as the owner of the device.

Fining and throwing people in jail for modifying a device they OWN is madness. Stop pandering to companies which insist on being paid over and over again for the same product. The concept of ownership used to mean something in America, and it should mean something again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Charlotte Barry.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Consumers should be able to unlock their phones without running afoul of the DMCA. They should be able to choose better pricing plans, and from any vendor they choose. The DMCA is a thinly veiled attempt to limit choice and drive up prices. Thank you, Charlotte Barry
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Chaz Dash.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocks are necessary to further technology, do you honestly think we came to where we currently are over the last decade because of some overpaid tech sitting in a cubical somewhere? The consumers have made this industry jump leaps and bounds, if you stop this, you stop advancement, and support major monopolies. Monopoly is a great game, not a great economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Chris Colson.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I should be able to take my phone to what ever service I see fit. That increases competition and allows me to use the product I purchased like I actually own it. Otherwise, I am merely leasing it from a carrier and must use it at their whim. TracFone's comment don't make sense to me as they will be the ones to benefit from individuals bringing devices from other networks to their MVNO plans. But it sounds like they want to lock customers which historically are low income into their service and prevent them from using other carriers. Not a good look for them. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Chris Hunter.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability to move my mobile service to a new and less expensive carrier is important. No phone should be locked to prevent my full use of the phone.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Christopher Minchella.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I'm sick and tired of having to live with the heinous amount of bloatware carriers pre-install on phones ON TOP OF the onerous contract agreements that no other civilized country requires. Being able to unlock my phone to avoid these programs or move to another carrier should be a basic right. Otherwise you're just letting corporations lead consumers by the neck. Please, for the love of God and all that is holy stop taking away consumer's rights away. Every year we get roped into onerous DRM, service agreements, or whatever the new scam is to take away the concept of ownership and keep us paying into perpetuity for things we used to be able to just buy. This is a violation of everything this country stands for.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Christopher Phillips.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability to unlock our phones and take them to different carriers, as well as to install our own OS (and in the case of iOS, our own apps) is a major boon to customers. Preventing it creates greater consumer lock-in with a given service provider, as well as prevents us from easily being able to install the apps we want to install.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Christopher Simokat.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Having an unlocked phone has helped me save money by making the cellular market more competitive since I am not locked into a specific vendor. It also makes it easier to have a functioning phone while traveling abroad. It would be an unnecessary burden on the consumer to restrict this.

Thank you for your consideration and for your willingness to defend the public's right to choose for themselves.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Christopher Sundar.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Cell phone locks prevent me when traveling internationally to use any provider other than my current provider (even though I am not cancelling my service, plan, or contract with my US provider). This means that I pay high usage fees and 'international roaming' and only have a US number (instead of getting a local number and being a local call, etc) during my time.Ú

Additionally locking of software in cell phones locks us into the business model that is chosen by our providers and prevents us from using the device in any way except what they want. An example of this is AT&T and Verizon with the iPhone. It is nearly \$20/month additional per phone to add mobile hotspot and use my already paid for data cap. So in essence they are saying I can use my limit of X GB of data for whatever I want on my phone, but only for my phone. Unlocking software allows me to add applications (like MiFi) which for a one time fee (\$20) and use it with whatever device I choose (within my paid data cap).

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Chris Walker.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have recently moved and reception is terrible in my area with my old cellphone company, why can't i use my existing device on another network that works perfectly fine with that network simply because of a lockout.

Thank you for your consideration. We live in a modern changing world, if people are not allowed to try new ideas and enact their own change the world as a whole wont be able to progress at the same rate, being limited by corporations.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Chris Wood.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Perhaps most importantly, without unlocking a phone I am FORCED to use memory hogging, time wasting tools pre-installed on my phone, rather than the best tools made in the free market. Ú

Also, without being able to unlock my phone, I am tied to very specific, and proprietary means of developing software. Thus progress is limited to their intended path, which is more about making them money, than making useful tools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Clark Hartsock.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Phone locking prevents me from creating Applications that are not censored by Companies or Governments.

It is a dangerous trend that is anti open market and pro censorship and illegal oversight for companies (or governments) to impose arbitrary limitations based on their own anti free market or free speech interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Cris J.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I paid for the phone, it is mine to do with as I please, you already made your earnings. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, C Todd.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Give consumers a choice, offer them a great experience and your profits will soar. Lock them in and they will hate you and turn away from you.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dale A von Ruden Jr..

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want the ability to unlock any cell phone I buy, and even more importantly, the right to use any compatible cellphone (including one I may have designed myself to make sure it is free of spyware) with any carrier I desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dale Porter.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The cost of cell phones is outrageous given the fact that I cannot unlock all of the hardware features of the device. Cell phone carriers should not be able to restrict my hardware if the cell phone is paid for in full.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, dan gottlieb.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

This should be owners choice
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dan Hartman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

unlocking your phone makes it so that you can uninstall the junk apps that your phone company may force on you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dan Hood.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Because of this unethical business practice, I only purchase unlocked phones from manufacturers who produce them and register them with service providers who support this consumer-centered practice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Daniel Casciato.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Once I purchase a product modifying for my personal use should not be restricted.
Thank Once I purchase a product modifying for my personal use should not be restricted.you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Daniel Jones.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Not allowing consumers to have control over their device is ridiculous.
Thank you for your consideration,

A concerned internet user

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Daniel Moore.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I've been pulling apart and mucking about with computers since I was a kid. A phone is a kind of small computer, I have no intention of stopping now.Ú

Moreover, people messing with machines is what has kept us on the cutting edge. Do you really want us to be overcome technologically by the rest of the world?
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Daniel Nichols.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability to unlock one's phone makes it a truly valuable and versatile tool, encouraging competition in our economy instead of chaining customers to service providers that offer mediocre service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dan Kruse.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have the knowledge to repair my phone for much less than it would cost to pay for repairs. Said repairs would be less risky if the software and hardware were more open to user modification. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dan Nadler.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I purchased my phone. I own my phone. End of story.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dan Stoffel.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

How can i participate in a free market if one seller has total control over my goods?
Thank you for your consideration and not being a dick and ruining lives everywhere just for your own personal gain.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Daryl LaFoya.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want the ability to change carriers and keep my device. I have purchased a phone outright for \$900 dollars. If i change carriers, I do not want to be forced to change my phone. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dave Petersen.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Personal property rights are a cornerstone of our nation. Turning the US consumer into what is effectively a glorified tenant is appalling. We paid for our phones/cars/etc., and we are entitled to use or modify our property as we see fit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Davey Rance.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Once a phone is out of contract and it has been purchased by the consumer it should be able to be unlocked.Ú

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The case is if you have a phone from a couple of years ago that still works but since then you have changed network and your primary phone gets broken. You cant use that existing device that you have in the draw.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, David Hoepelman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocking my phones allows me to run applications of my choosing on my phone, instead of only those approved by the phone manufacturer. The circumvention of the approval requirement allow me to use competitor's software, thus supporting healthy competition and consumer choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, David Lemly.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We need more innovation not less. Make the DMCA less restrictive. Right now it is anti-American.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, David Miller.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I purchase an object, I expect ownership rights of that object. It doesn't matter if it's a piece of fruit, a wrench, or a cell phone. If I bought it, it's mine.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, David Paige.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Software embedded in a device should be sold with the device. I have rooted an android device to add additional functionality. Some people may want to use a different ROM, because it's not maintained by the manufacturer. The consumer knowingly accepts the risk when such actions are performed. This should be a permanent exemption.

Thank you for your consideration. Digital Restrictions Management is being used to control too many items which were, once purchased, completely owned by the end user. Embedded software should be sold with the product.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, David Rains.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I prefer a phone with a manual keyboard, but they don't sell those with the up to date operating systems. I would like to be able to customize my phone in the same manner I customize my keyboard and mouse on my computer at home.

It is written in the constitution, Article 1, Section 8, that copyright exists to secure rights to the author "for a limited time." I think the definition of "limited time" is getting expanded much farther than the original writers of the constitution intended. I am a filmmaker, and a working member of the "copyright industry". I want to protect my own works from being stolen, even though I am now a school teacher. However, I don't believe those works need to be in my copyright for 70 years after my death, and I don't believe that if someone did buy my work legally, they should not be allowed to upgrade it from VHS to DVD, or from DVD to their own media server in the cloud. They bought it. They have some rights after their purchase. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, david stansell.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

when I go to buy something I want to own it. At least you can make sure I know I'm either buying it or leasing it.Ú

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when I buy a phone I am the owner. When I buy a car I am the owner. If I lease a car I am NOT the owner. If I lease a phone I am NOT the owner.Ú

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Secrets are horrible. It should be in headlines on every legal document is this a sale to a new owner or is this a lease for a. Of time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, David W LeCompte.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Using 3rd party software provides competition.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Davitt Barry.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

With the ever-increasing burden of surveillance caused by the OS and software on our phones, we should be able to open the hood and see exactly what is happening on the devices we own. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Derek Smith.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Wireless carriers have enough issues as is, so restricting people's already limited selection shouldn't even be considered for a moment. It's a pointless cash grab which wastes the focus and resources of our country so that a select few can benefit at the expense of everyone else. This wouldn't even benefit all rich people either (as few would benefit at all), so it's not even beneficial to the upper class or "one percent" in any meaningful way as a whole. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I wish you the best of luck as you sift through all the comments!

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dion Damato.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I paid nearly \$1000 for my cell phones. I should be free to use my cell phone in anyway I see fit, as long as it doesn't harm other free citizens. Unlocking, doesn't hurt anyone else and provide potential for innovation and freedom to use the my property however I choose. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Donald Pohlman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought it I own it.

Why do I have to fight for my right to use a product I purchased anyway? Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Dustin Jamner.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Restrictions on the use and manipulation of software on personal devices are absurd. While it is reasonable for a company to seek legal protection against the distribution of their proprietary content, they should have no standing in a consumer's personal use of their property. The claim sometimes made that users must copy software to manipulate it and thus break copyright law is astounding. When a consumer simply runs the software on a device, the computer must copy it from storage to memory. Does this mean that by simply using a company's program a consumer has already run afoul of copyright?

The purpose of copyright law is to protect the ideas of individuals and companies as well as the presentation of those ideas. This enables the monetization of creation and creates a safe environment in which creators can market their work. However, when companies can use copyright law to criminalize the use of personal property in instances where the illegitimate distribution of those ideas is not a concern it has clearly overstepped its bounds.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Edward Lemon.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

As a world traveler, I always own a GSM-capable phone so that I can install a SIM card when I travel to other countries and get data and phone service at a reasonable price. I pay for my cell phone through my contract with my cell phone service provider. It is my property. The idea that the phone company can use copyright law to prevent me from using my property as I please, as long as I have paid for it, is unconscionable and unconstitutional. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Eli Mapstead.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocking a cell phone is about freedom and capitalism. In a reasonable and fair market I should be able to buy a cell phone and use it with whatever cell phone provider will provide me with service. Anything else is a violation of the First Sale Doctrine and the company selling it is selling a defective product.Ú

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Bottom line: I bought the cell phone. I should be able to use it with whatever provider offers the cheapest service. In a capitalist society cell phone providers must compete against each other for customers business. That is called freedom.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Eric Evans.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

This is a bunch of corporate greed. If I want to delete useless bloatware apps from MY phone, I should have that right via unlocking it.

These are all examples of unethical corporate greed, and BS reasons, that aim to deprive the consumer of their right to ownership and freedom to do with their property whatever they wish. Please stand up to them and don't let them fool you with crying poor.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Eric Goldman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

My cell phone should be unlocked so that I have the freedom to communicate freely, without being forced to pay for the privilege of using a competitor. Monopolistic control of my phone limits my ability to participate in a free and open market.Ú

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As a consumer I should have the right to modify my phone and unlock it in order to ensure my own security by configuring the device in a secure way and to update software, firmware, and other code so that I am free from known vulnerabilities.

Thank you for your consideration. You must consider all efforts to make reasonable changes to the DMCA so that consumers can enjoy their alienable rights without the tyranny of large corporations controlling the use of the owner's own property

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Eric Lambart.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The first-sale doctrine should apply to my phone. I bought it. If I've paid for something it should belong to me, end of story.Ú
Just like any other computer...
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Erika Buckley.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It doesn't make sense that every time I switch my carrier I have to buy a new phone that I spent hundreds of dollars on just because I am with one carrier. if I want to switch and take the phone I bought with me, I should be able to do that. Instead I have to pay for a whole new phone. it is just a money making scheme for big business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, erin.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

when i am overseas and need to use my phone - i can't keep buying a new phone - i need to unlock my current one so i can keep in touch with people i know who have my number. this is crazy that you can't unlock your phone. wasn't there an antitrust case where apple phones had to be unlocked because they were only sold with AT&T or Verizon, and everyone else had to use unlocked phones because no other carrier had them?

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Erskin Cherry.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

For the past 5 years I have used only unlocked phones. This has allowed me to switch carriers as needed when moving to areas which have different coverage without purchasing a new phone every time. I will not purchase a phone I cannot unlock.

Thank you for your consideration. I recognize that as an active consumer of and enthusiast in this area, there are a lot of details that seem obvious to be purely based on familiarity which are likely a byzantine mess to others. Know that I am grateful for you taking the time to dive into those details and hope that, even if you don't emerge a fellow enthusiast, you better understand and appreciate the details involved.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ethan Madison.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocking my phone allows me to use my phone when I travel to different countries, to switch carriers when I move and stop getting good service, and to use my devices the way they are intended to be used.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Eugene Beardsley.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It allows me to use the phone the way that I see fit. It lets me repair functionality lost through botched update (my last phone had it's number reset to 04036, pretty useless); unlocked I could have reentered the correct number and not replaced my phone. Once I buy it, it should be mine to do with as I please. As long as it is locked, and the control rests with someone else, it's not really mine.

Thank you for your consideration. If I buy it, it should be *mine*.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Gaspar Garcia de Paredes.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The only thing you can legally be locked into if your contract. If you sign a contract for cellular phone service and agree to a contract length of 2 years then you must honor that contract.Ú

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As part of the contract cellphone service providers usually subsidize the cost of your phone and therefore argue that they must block the phone so you cannot switch to another provider.Ú

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Most contracts have penalties if the user wants to terminate services before the contract ends. In those case everyone should be free to terminate the service at will. Of course, if they terminate and a penalty for early termination of the contract applies consumers must be legally obligated to pay such fees.Ú

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However, if someone pays such fees and/or waits until their contract expires they should be free to switch to another provider. Furthermore, there is no reason why someone could not simply leave the existing contract alone and use their phone for a new service plan with another provider. As long as they keep paying the original contract there is no reason why they cannot use their phones with another domestic and/or international provider.Ú

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The only real arguments against these are the service providers selfish business interests. There is a real disconnect between the traditional understanding of ownership and copyright of assets, goods, and intellectual property and how ownership and copyrights of software is being interpreted. The idea that purchasing software does not make you the owner of that copy of the program does not make sense to most consumers.

The perfect example is digital versus physical books. No one ever thinks in terms of buying a license when they purchase a Kindle books (similarly with music). You buy the book. Just like you used to buy a paperback or hardcover and its yours forever. Ask the average consumer and his answer will rarely be "I own a license to the books on my Kindle" or a "own a licence to the games on my iPad".

Everyone intuitively believes, even if they are mistaken (given what current interpretations of copyright law seem to be), that they own their digital copy of 50 Shades or their Justin Beiber single.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Geoffrey Lawrence.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

As technology has advanced, the line between computer and smartphone has blurred - while phones run on different chipsets and this use different operating systems, they still are based on the same structure that every modern computer is based on. Saying you cannot unlock your phone is the same as saying you don't have a choice of what operating system you run on your computer, and if the definition of 'modify' is broad enough, what software you can run on your computer. Imagine never being able to uninstall the junk software that comes preinstalled on your new computer.

Hackers, tinkerers, and makers have a saying: "If you can't open it, you don't own it." Help us keep mega-corporations in check. Help us keep the world safe for innovators, creators, and tinkerers. The government is, at this point, the only thing standing between now and a future where corporations can do anything and will do anything for more money. Help us keep greed from consuming the world. Help us write a different path.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Glenn Berden.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I can't have control of my phone, then the companies need to provide the phone for free. If I pay for it, then I should have the right to do what ever I want to with it.Ú

Thank you for doing the right thing.

If we pay for it we should own it, I really find it hard to believe that this is even a discussion.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Gzim Derti.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

My phone is mine after I pay for it... just like anything else I own...
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Gzim Derti.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought my phone, as does everyone else... No one should tell me how it can be used... Otherwise, give me a free phone?
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Harlan Lieberman-Berg.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have had to unlock my phone in order to switch carriers to a more international-travel friendly carrier. In addition, because my phone carries a significant amount of confidential data, I have had to reflash the phone's operating system to one that it is easier for me to secure. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, hd.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It's my phone. I want to use it how I want to use it.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Henry Biglin.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability to unlock my phone gives me the freedom to choose a provider based upon their service and not because they have handcuffed me with expensive equipment which I cannot take to another provider. Additionally we are creating additional waste affecting our natural resources by being forced to buy a new phone if we choose to switch providers instead of being able to recycle our existing equipment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Houston Saxe.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Why can't I use a phone that I payed for to go to another provider? Sounds ridiculous. We shouldn't have to buy new phones every time we switch.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Isaac Hayes.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability and right to unlock my cell phone is important to me because it limits my choice as a consumer when selecting or reacting to changes in wireless carrier. For instance, I currently live in Wyoming where the only reliable cell carrier network outside of cities is Verizon and I have to pay a premium over other carriers because of this. I will be moving to Pennsylvania this winter where my choice of carrier networks will be much stronger and without an unlocked cell phone it will make it much harder to change carriers and exert my right to choice as a consumer. In addition, I am an engineer and like to make useful devices for home and scientific endeavors used by my wife in her role as a professor of Geophysics. Discarded or partially broken cell phones can often be utilized as cheap displays and interaction portals for these devices and locking out the bootloader and super user access can limit my ability to use them. If these are paid for devices how can I be limited from re-purposing them for greater good? This only serves to increase electronic waste and hurt the institutions and consumers who could benefit. Thank you for your consideration in this issue. Empowered consumers lead to great advancements and economic stability for all.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ivan Hazelton.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocking will benefit consumers, able to take the phone they've paid for to a new service provider in instances of poor service. Being able to keep a phone you have or like as opposed to being required to purchase a new phone on the new provider. Ú

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jack Coats.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If we are not supposed to be able to touch the internals of our equipment, then don't "sell" the equipment. Lease it, rent it, but if we are told we own it, we should be entitled to modify it as we desire. Ú

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This is not for the purpose of duplicating or selling the item, but to modify it to be usable by us as we desire.Ú

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If we can't modify it, we don't own it. If we own it, let it be ours.

This is about rights of the individual, not stepping on the rights of others, but in retaining rights and privileges that are considered basics in our current society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jacob Lethin.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Technically I own the phone, but I can't switch providers to allow myself to travel internationally. This infringes on my rights as an American. If I can't utilize my phone outside of one carrier then they have a monopoly over my use of a privately owned device, this is against the law. Please fix.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jacob W Hayes.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The cost of a smartphone commonly exceeds \$500, not including the cost of the monthly phone service. As a consumer, that is a significant fee to pay for a non-durable good. As long as I have the ability to update my own phone I can make that investment last 2-4 years. I have had my current phone for 2 years and it is working like new. However, to maintain that level of functionality I have had to perform maintenance including, updating the OS 3 times, replacing the USB board, and replacing the screen.Ú

The idea of buying a PC without the ability to install your own software would be ludicrous, phones today rival the computers of 5 years ago. Why should I not be able to install software on it?

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jairo.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want to decide which provider to use.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jairus Brennan.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Dear Sir of the Copyright Office,Ú
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I oppose increased copyright restrictions which prohibit the unlocking of cell phones. This is due to one major reason:Ú

Restrictions on cell phone unlocking incentivize phone theft and trafficking. Allow me to explain.Ú

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In a free market, a consumer can buy a phone and use it for whichever company provides the most value. By restricting a free market, cell phone companies have manipulated the market into creating a wide gap in supply and demand. A wide gap that can only be bridged by their conveniently priced \$500-\$600 new phones. Make no mistake, to pay any less results in a frustrating step down in quality of the user experience. Ú

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The demand in question, to pick and choose a carrier, is hampered but not deterred by this restrictive price point. Rather, it incentivizes phone theft. A standard, new unlocked phone may run for \$500. Once unlocked, due to market demand, it's value automatically increases by \$200-\$300. If this phone were purchased new, after being unlocked it could be turned for a profit on the grey/black market. Ú

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But there is an even greater profit in stealing these phones, hacking them, and selling them for more than their new, locked counterparts. It is one thing when someone steals something and hawks it for half it's sale value. It's another entirely when an artificially, superimposed

restrictions enable thieves to make more than retailers!Ú

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As a victim of phone theft, I implore you: please d reduce rather than increase these restrictions!
These are hot items made hotter by copyright laws. Please make the economical and common-sense decision to reduce theft and trafficking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jake Stevens.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It's outrageous that I don't have control over my own cell phone, a device I depend on for both my work and personal lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Our digital rights are under attack, and it's up to you to stand up for them. Try to do some good for once.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, James Peters.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I'm a US Citizen studying in Japan for my bachelor's degree. Smartphone costs are already exhorbitant, so using an unlocked phone allows me to have one device and switch SIM cards when I visit my home in California. Without an unlocked phone, I would have to buy two separate phones, one for each country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, James Pikul.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I should be able to use my phone wherever in the world I go to and with whatever service provides me the most value. I don't even see how this is a question. It is obviously better for the users and economy as a whole to allow people to customize their devices to better fit their needs. If the current companies cannot find a way to maximize profit of a free system, there will be new companies that come around and find a way to do it right. Any restrictions in the unlocking of phones is just putting American innovators and cell phone users at a disadvantage from their international counterparts. This most effects me when I have to travel or switch a service provider. I should not have to purchase an entire new phone so that I can use my phones essential uses, like email and calender, in another country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please think about the engineers and innovators in America who want to use the tools around us to make a better world. Limiting our ability to use these tools without the permission of corporate lawyers will allow other engineers in the world to outpace and out innovate us.

-James Pikul

Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Research Fellow
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jamus Lim.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability of carriers to restrict our ability to choose any carrier we so choose effectively grants them monopoly rents, in the name of copyright. I, nor I'm sure the vast majority of smartphone users, have no intention of reverse engineering or making use of the phone's underlying software. We simply want the ability to choose our carrier, and in so doing, promote healthy competition between them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jason.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It's mine

I bought it. I should be able to use it how I want. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jason Meriwether.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Every phone I have ever owned had junk and bloatware pre-installed on it. I want to make it go away but the devices are locked by my provider. Bad !
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jayaprakash Pasala.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought the phone. I am not leasing the phone. So, whether I use the phone as a phone or as a media player or a simple paper weight is upto me. Why does the phone manufacturer get to say what I can or cannot do with it? Ú

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jeffery Horrocks.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It hurts American innovation and it hurts our future inventions. Apple was started by 2 guys reverse engineering an IBM computer. Ford was started by a guy that modified a steam engine and attached it to a bicycle. Many of Americas biggest successes and innovations were done by hobbyists unlocking, reverse engineering, and experimenting on their own. Just go to kickstarter.com and look around at what individuals are doing with crowdfunding to prove it. If you don't let people take apart and tinker with what they buy then they don't really own it and if they don't really own it that's communism.

If you don't let people do what they want with the things they buy then they don't really own them. American Innovation has always involved Macgyver-type tinkering and that's one reason why this country is so great. Letting all people use things the way only some people intend is not the American way and is tantamount to communism. Please do not write communist policies into our copyright laws.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jeffrey Hutchins.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

With the purchase of a telephone I should be able to legally take it to any mobile carrier without legal issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jeremiah Blatz.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Locking cell phones to a single provider is a blatant attempt at anti-competitive lock in. It is in the best interest of not only consumers, but the health of the economy, to allow customers to unlock their phones.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jesse Schmidt.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I like to tinker with my electronics. There is no reason why I shouldn't be able to continue to do that.

I feel that if a company wants me to buy their product, that I should be able to use it how I see fit. If that is in the manner that it was designed, great. But in most cases with electronics, I'm finding alternative uses for things. There shouldn't be a law in place that keeps me from using a product in the way that I see fit.

Our law-makers like to meddle in places that they know nothing about. Why do they think they need to make these laws to protect big companies? Because that's where their re-election dollars come from, that's why!

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jim Auten.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It's my phone! I should be able to use it how I wish. If the phone provider doesn't want me to be able to have access to my phone, then they should supply it to me free of charge. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, jmk.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Prices go up when vendors lock in consumers like me. Please fix this.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Joe Ambrosino.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Phone unlocking encourages competition and better service for consumers. If my provider isn't meeting expectations, I can take my phone to another carrier. I'm not locked in. If I can take my phone with me, it doesn't wind up in a landfill or the bottom of a drawer. I don't have to buy a new phone if the one I have suits my needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Joel Finkle.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It should be possible to load different versions of the operating system when manufacturers stop supporting security releases from Google or Apple, and to move a relatively expensive phone from carrier to carrier.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John Allaman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Being locked into limited proprietary, closed garden environment is stifling for users and limits access off innovators and developers that hope to reach them.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you see how detrimental these policies can be to both consumers and producers in the long term, and that words from myself and others have not fallen on deaf ears.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John Anderson.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Well very simply I bought my phone, but it's locked to the carrier not for my benefit but the carriers. If I were to travel outside the US my phone would be worthless. However unlocked I can easily pop in another sim card and use the services there.

Thank you for your consideration. Hopefully you can see the poor ramifications of the Law as applied to this topic.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John Cason.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have purchased many iPhones. I also travel. Being able to unlock my older phone makes it a great travel phone, which I can use when I travel over seas. I should be able to use a phone on any network I choose after I am done paying for it. It should not be a brick in my desk drawer. Thank you for your consideration. Please remember that consumers pay for the products they buy. They are entitled to use them in what ever manner they choose. This idea that the manufacturer still owns the products I buy is patently unfair.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John M. Archer.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

There are myriad problems with the entire mobile phone market segment, and the inability to use a device *simply as a device* (as opposed to a talisman representing your indenture to an evil overlord) exacerbates every single one of them. I, for one, would be perfectly willing to accept "locked" (read: damaged) devices from my evil overlord if the damage done to the crippled device were reflected in the price of the device. Instead, these devices are provided at *more than* full price.Ú

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So, let's play fair: they can do what they want to my device *until I get it,* and then *I can do what I want.*

The fact that I'm writing to request *exemptions* in copyright law for this case makes it clear to me that the entire legal concept of copyright, as it is presently interpreted, is deeply and fundamentally flawed. In theory, because I work as a software developer, copyrights provide the very basis of my income--of my whole *life*--and yet I am ashamed to be associated with such a disgusting body of legislation.

The American people are asking you to work with us to *fix* this law. Just remember, if you can't work with us, you *will* be replaced with someone who can.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John Mahoney.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It is important that we have access to unlocked cell phones.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John Paine.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

By preventing me from making security upgrades that cell phone service providers do not roll out upon release, my personal information and privacy are placed at significant risk. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, John Seekins.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Two separate phones I own are no longer usable (or safe to use) because I cannot update the software on them legally. They cannot browse the web, properly receive phone calls, or other actions that, at this point, are considered basic functions of a "smart" phone.Ú

If I could legally install software to update my phone, I could continue to use these devices, rather than having to shelve/recycle them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jonah Keegan.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Mobile hobbyists and garage tinkerers should be free to develop new applications for mobile devices without fearing they are risking a lawsuit from a large company expressly designed to stifle innovation and free enterprise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jon Andersen.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Allowing phone unlocking increases competition and lowers prices for customers. Why should I be stuck with a locked phone to a locked oligarchy of large phone companies? Better to allow smaller companies to compete, by allowing phone unlocking.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jonathan Rowl.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I am an international student living in the US. All I want is a phone that I will be able to use after I finish my studies and travel back home.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jonathan Teixeira.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Being able to unlock my phone would allow me to have more choices in the marketplace. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jon Matchi.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought it, and assume the right to determine the software that can go in it. I can modify everything else I buy and use personally, why this?
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Jordan Michael Moses.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have a Samsung galaxy s3 that was 2 years behind in OS updates, which not only makes it less functional but compromises my personal security... I was able to "root" my phone to receive the newest iteration of android making my experience and security better for a device I paid hundreds of dollars for! It would not have been possible otherwise, Samsung still hasn't released the newest version even years after it had been released! Why would want to update my older phone when they can sell me a new one and make more money? The "tinkering" that companies are fighting is the only way of giving power back to the consumer over something they paid for! Why would I want to pay for something and own it if I'm not in control, if they don't want to let people tinker with their devices then give owners the option to not use their code(I would rather have a stock google OS without all of the bloatware companies put into their device to make even more money or use my private info to make even more money from a device they've already made their money from)

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Joshua Kutac.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought it. I don't care what is running on the service, I bought it.
Stop taking away my ability to use products I have purchased. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Juan Cabrer.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I develop machine vision and motion systems software for industry. Occasionally, there is a requirement to provide a remote interface to the controls and data. I could easily implement a direct connection between the system, and any smart phone if there were less restrictions on hardware access, and file systems. This type of access require rooting or jailbreaking the phones to circumvent the protective restrictions placed there bt the vendors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Julie Williams.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Not all people can afford to buy new gadgets every year, and our environment can't afford that level of waste either. Letting people unlock their devices they have purchased in good faith and find a better plan with them is good for Americans and good for competitive businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Justin Burr.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I purchase hardware I should have the right to use it however I see fit. I may never choose to unlock my phone, but I would hate to be denied the option because it might hurt the bottom line of some giant corporation. Too many large corporations hide behind copyright and DMCA in an effort to force consumers to buy new products or lock consumers into some ecosystem. Copyright should protect individuals and corporations and provide incentive for them to innovate. This is nothing more than an attempt to limit market competition by crippling consumer hardware.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, justin.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I bought my cell phone I should be able to do what I please with it.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kathleen DeLaurenti.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

One afternoon at the theater, my phone had had enough. It took a nose dive into a toilet. I have been trying to find a replacement that is affordable for nearly six months while dealing with a phone that barely works. While I am eligible for an upgrade, AT&T, my carrier, requires that I either sign a new plan that is not eligible for a discount I now have OR pay \$600 for a phone in installments that are about equal to the raise in my plan price for getting a new phone with a new contract. (About \$25/mo). I already pay more for this service than any other utility I have. I have tried used phones, but because of the technologies and locking placed on devices, they have not been compatible with my network to provide the level of service I need. Supporting unlocked phones creates more market competition and a better consumer experience: companies who need to compete will make more high quality options available and users who want to be able to find quality devices on the secondary market will be able to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kathy Oppenhuizen.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

"Illegal" cell phone traffickers will find a way to get around any locking mechanism. Instead of establishing laws based on a small fraction of the market and fear... lets establish laws that truly service the mainstream consumers!

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Keith.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

More importantly, get cell phone makers to start making all-carrier phones, the band is already locking them to a carrier.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kelsey Higham.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have a poor memory, which affects my working life and relationships. I use my phone to record notes and thoughts. I've unlocked my phone to make it easier to access my recording software.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ken Radditz.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I buy a phone I should be able to use with whatever carrier I want.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kevin Calman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

When a consumer purchase a cell phone from a carrier at a subsidized price, they purchase that for the value of the handset's specific qualities as well as for the expected value of the network. These aspects of the purchase should be considered separately, and should be subject to separate legal remedies should the consumer wish to terminate the relationship by either selling the handset or changing carriers.

Generally all these issues come down to liability: should an OEM have the right to control how a product is used after the sale to the consumer? To the extent that user modification of the product may have the effect of increasing the liability of the OEM, the user should bear the burden of that modification. The OEM should not have the ability to prevent users from exercising that right to protect themselves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kevin Lepard.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Once a cell phone has been paid for by the consumer, it should be his/hers to do with as wished, and no longer locked to a carrier. Carriers should be required, and consumers explicitly permitted, to unlock and use their devices in any manner they see fit.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kirk Brooks.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

At this point this should be settled law. When a consumer purchases a cell phone, smartphone or tablet he is purchasing the right to use that device as designed which does not mean it should be artificially limited to a certain operating system, signal carrier or any other non-physical design element. He should be able to choose these things within the capabilities of the machine's design.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kirsten Travis.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want to be able to install apps that aren't carrier or OS specific. I can't do that if my phone is locked. If I own the phone I should be able to install any app I want. It's MY phone, I get to do what I want. Otherwise, I don't really own it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Kyle Meeks.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

One need look no further than the rapid state of development in the Android world, and the abandonment of devices less than a year old by manufacturers to understand the necessity of this requirement. Simply because a manufacturer sees no financial benefit to making security patches for older phones is no reason to discard the phones themselves (our society has enough problems with waste without encouraging it legally). Being able to unlock a phone and then install a custom (and security patched) version of the phone operating system needs to be viewed as a must.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Larry Darling.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I feel that any cell phone I own should be able to be unlocked so that I should be able to freely choose to use my phone with any carrier that I wish to.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Larry Jean.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I had an account with AT&T, and when I switched to another carrier, I found: it was incredibly difficult, unlocking took an inordinate time, and there was a 'residue' of AT&T left on the phone for many months; it is still there, and occasionally, AT&T will show as my carrier, even though I have a new chip, and all the requirements were met. When i asked others -who had Verizon, AT&T, other old MaBell companies- had the same experience.

We live in a republic, not an oligarchy, and we do support intellectual property, when reasonable. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Leslie Bloomer.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We spend a great deal of money for these phones, and have the right to take them to whatever network. What about if you .over wee?
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, loren grimm.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

it made me switch to a carrier that accepts any GSM phone... phones i end up buying from China.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, I r.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have relocated to different countries twice in the last five years. For me it is very helpful to be able to use my unlocked phone in any country, just signing up for a new contract with a local provider.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Luke Bockman.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocking your phone is a complete necessity. Imagine if that was the case on personal computers. There would be many competition concerns and a ridiculous amount of thrown away computers(hurting the environment) and not to mention wasted money. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Marc A. Lee.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

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Real-world consumers respectfully submit that complainants arguments that TracFone will suffer material adverse effects absent broad unlocking enforcement are overstated and not supported by sufficient objective evidence to justify the Register recommending the requested enforcement.Ú

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If we are err, we ought to take care that our errors are on the side of the greatest freedom for the greatest number, not for the greatest profits to the greatest political donors!
If I buy an item, I want it to be MINE. If there's anything in it that a manufacturer does not want me to own, perhaps they ought to TAKE IT OUT!

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, marc turner.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We as consumers need as much flexibility with the phones were purchase without penalty imposed on us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, marian.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I am an it professional and i need to use certain diagnostic software i developed, which is impossible to do without root access to phone. I do not want to place this software on marketplace for several reasons - it might be misused for example.

Please bear in mind that your children will be living in a world you help to create. Please dont let them live in locked down world full of fear of surveillance and possibility to go to prison for trying to be creative or for attempting to invent something new.

I am not from US but it is very important what happens in your country, because whole western world usually copies or makes similar decosions like USA. Please bear in mind the responsibilities you have.

Please excuse me for entering nonexistant address, but as i told allready - i am not from US and the form does not have any possibility to enter my country. The email address i entered is genuine though.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, marian.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

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Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mark Grigsby.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I paid for my cell phone and own it. I didn't buy the right to use it i bought it. I ahould therefore have the right to use my phone any way i want as long as it doesn't hurt anything or anyone else. Not being able to unlock my phone violates my rights. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mark Poland.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I purchase a cell phone, I should have the right to use it with any carrier and not be limited to the one it was purchased from after my contract is over.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, mark ritterhoff.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I paid for my phone, which I did, I should be able to do what I want with it. It's my property. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Marvin.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Please increase consumer choice by allowing consumers to unlock the cell phones they have purchased.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mary E Tyler.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have three children who often break phones. It is important to me to be able to buy a phone on Ebay, repair it myself and bring it to my provider at a low cost. And I DO repair my own phones. It's really not all that difficult. There are inexpensive parts on Ebay, videos all over youtube.

I am a law-abiding American housewife, age 44, and I buy and consume media of various types. I vote in every election and am politically active.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Matt C.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

When purchasing a phone, I should be able to alter and modify it at will to better serve my purposes. I didn't buy a license, I bought a piece of hardware.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Matthew Braun.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If a carrier offers poor service, it makes sense that my fully-paid-for hardware shouldn't tether me to that provider if the device can work with another carrier. Granting consumers freedom of carrier choice through number and hardware portability will benefit consumers and encourage providers to offer quality service and to improve and innovate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Matthew Champagne.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want to have a choice about which companies I give my business.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Matthew Schoendorf.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Without the legal ability to unlock the cell phones that I purchase, the carrier that I use when I purchase my phone gains a monopoly over my future business.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Michael J. Welch.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Locked phones create an artificial barrier to competition. I should have the right to choose my hardware separately from my carrier.

The right of a corporation to make money should not trump my right to use what I have purchased.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Michael Maskalans.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Quite simply and basically stated, when one is traveling overseas, one should not need to purchase or rent a completely different cell phone when a phone that they already own is perfectly capable of operating on other carriers' networks. Similarly, if a consumer wants to move from one carrier to another, they should not be required to purchase new hardware if there existing hardware is already compatible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Michael Miller.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The ability to unlock a phone provides me (a consumer who purchase phones at full price) the ability and freedom to choose my provider. If I'm unsatisfied with the services provided by on provider, I have the ability to quickly and easily change to another. This prevents me from braking contracts and paying other exorbitant fees and penalties and allows me to vote in the free capital market with the power of my dollar. Preventing the ability to unlock a device would force me back into these antiquated contracts/upgrade plans, which are nothing more than the fleecing of consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Michael Zyphur.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Each of these issues cannot be considered in isolation or in relation to a limited narrative about one or a specific set of cases wherein the overreach of restrictive copyright law inhibited an activity and/or innovation. There is a macro-social cultural impact of restrictive copyright laws that disempowers individuals and groups from free expression and creativity. The destruction of individual liberty and generative, emergent forms of expression should not be understood on an issue-by-issue (or product-by-product) basis. It should be understood in relation to the balance of power and its dynamics across individual citizens versus large, wealthy, and lobbying corporations. Limit the DMCA and its inhibition of free creation and expression, as this relates to cell-phones, car and tractor repair and modification, remixing media, using new servers with legacy games, and the use of custom 3D printing filaments. Ú

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Sincerely,Ú

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Michael J. Zyphur, PhD and US CitizenÚ

Management & MarketingÚ

Business & EconomicsÚ

University of Melbourne

It is not merely innovation that is being stifled here, it is also freedom of speech and the liberty to creatively use the material and non-materials things that one owns. Limit the DMCA for the sake of the first amendment if nothing else.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Zyphur, PhD and US Citizen
Management & Marketing
Business & Economics
University of Melbourne

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mike Behnke.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I develop websites, and being unable to unlock my phone prevents me from being able to effectively test websites on the devices in question.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mike Parks.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Stop screwing over citizens in favor of huge multinational corporations. Unlocking my phone means freedom of choice when it comes to using my consumer products. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mike Reynolds.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

As a developer, without the ability to run my own applications on my phone, I am limited in my ability to innovate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Mike Thomas.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Give us back our rights!
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Minna Bruna.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If i purchase an item, it is mine. My property rights do not extend to the people that sold it to me. On principle I object to their efforts to control forever how I use the equipment that I purchased and they willingly sold me.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, mitch.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I like the idea of being able to change and code on the phone platform I bought.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Monica Kohler.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I purchase a phone separate from the carrier, and the costs should reflect how separate they are. If I wish to keep my phone, reducing cost and waste, when I change carriers and/or countries, I should be allowed to do so.

Understanding the desire for consumers to use products as they were intended, and the fear of litigation, a contractual agreement of exchanging money for a product should not be constricted by the selling party.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, m.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We buy it we own what they give us.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, N. Currah.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We are now forced to spend hundreds, thousands if one has a family on phones dedicated to one server...forcing us to stay with that server. I believe this to be anti competitive and anti trust. Once these phones are pd off, they are obsolete or function poorly with tech updates. Sometimes, be it customer service or poor quality calls, Internet speed etc, we deserve the right to take our property and leave the service "provider". We are taxed to death with phone service and are penalized for each and everything we disagree with. This is not consumer friendly by a utility company and honestly these copyright laws are anti American. We do not owe these providers our loyalty, contracts or exorbitant phone costs and resent our government telling us to drop dead.

Thank you for your consideration.

We have watched as technology has literally transformed the world into a cesspool. Entertainment may be one thing, but people's fundamental needs, transportation, utilities and food are quite another. No where were the people of this country told that technology would be standing in for law, common sense and reality. These copyright laws are naked theft of what has already been purchased and completely turn upside down a model of person property safeguards this country was originally built on.

We put down our money, purchase products and pay taxes. It is not our responsibility to keep corporations in gravey paying over and over and over! We are not obligated to bail them out or keep them viable..that is up to them. These copyright laws are unAmerican and built on fraud, corruption and theft!

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nabil Alsharif.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

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Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The US is the only country that ties cell phones to specific carriers and it only take a small trip outside of the US to see the negative effects that policy has on consumers and the economy. Open standards are the basis of innovation and economic prosperity, GSM and CDMA are both open standards and to stifle them is strangle out innovators. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nathan F Kraemer.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I need to be able to unlock my phone.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ned Horsted.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Before the iPhone was invented, Microsoft had a software on many manufacturer's equipment that, when unlocked, was capable of many of the same functions - GPS navigation, video, etc... With some tinkering and technical knowledge, innovators could get devices like this to do things that seemed impossible to the masses prior to the release of the iPhone. Perhaps some of these innovators took ideas such as this and used them to make products you have in your pocket and cherish today - like an iPhone or Android device.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nedra Albrecht.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

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Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I pay a great deal of money for my phone. And for corporations to tell me that I'm essentially "renting" it because it is not truly mine to do with as I wish is ABSURD. I understand they they are looking out for their best interests. But isn't the government supposed to be looking out for my best interest, as a citizen and taxpayer? When government policy backs the self-interests of corporations it erodes the faith we citizens have in our system of government. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nicholas Baldwin.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want to install whatever I want on any computing devices that I have purchased. I do not want a walled garden. I want a living vibrant community of people all helping each other get exactly what they want out of their devices, not just what some monolithic company has deigned that I'm allowed. Prohibiting free use stifles innovation. It makes us poorer as a community.Ú

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Plain and simple, I should have the right to do whatever I want with what I've purchased. There should be no restrictions upon my use of my purchases (beyond normal laws - theft, murder, kidnapping, etc).

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nicholas Cohen.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Cell phone locking stifles competition by locking consumers to one carrier -- even after they pay hundreds of dollars for phones.

As a hobbyist and tinkerer, I have seen how innovation flows in an environment where people are free to explore and experiment. I would go so far as to say the freedom to experiment is fundamental to our nation's culture. Please protect that freedom. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nicholas Lafferty.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Very simply, I need to have my phones and tablets Unlocked in order to uninstall some of the apps that come pre-installed. They take up space and slow down my devices. Thank you for your consideration. If we are not free to modify what we buy, innovation will be hampered. If you continue on this path we will build our own open devices. Thank you.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nick.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Phones belong to the consumers. Make it happen!
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nick B..

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

My purchase my device. Open source software is used by over 75% of all businesses for their daily service. What would happen if you had to start from scratch anytime you started a new project, without being able to bring any knowledge or tools you gained from a precious experience

Please do the right thing. Copyright time and time again has shown to stifle innovation. Creation is an art and should be torn apart and built upon to progress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Nonya Business.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I want to change phone providers & have paid for MY phone with MY money then as the rightful owner of the device I should have the right to have an unlocked phone! I bought it, it's mine to do as I please!

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Pablo Colunga.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

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Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Unlocking my phone should be a fundamental right of ownership. When a product requires both software and hardware to function you can't separate ownership of one from the other. I am not advocating piracy or that manufacturers do not have valuable IP that they feel that they need to protect. Yet dcma the way it is currently implemented is an unfair burden on consumers. Consumers of hardware/software based products should have the right to use/repair/modify products purchased in the same ways that any other consumer of non software based products is afforded under common and statutory law. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Patrick.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

To say that purchasing a mobile phone only gives you ownership of the hardware, while excluding the software is non-sense. When I purchase a phone as a consumer, that phone and it's contents are my property. The only time in which copyright laws should come into effect for the software portion is if I were to include copy written code as my own for monetary gain. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, patrick feng.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I sign up to a new wireless plan which included a purchase a phone from which I received a "rebate". Prior to the end of my contract, I lost my phone and had to replace it. I had to pay the full cost of the phone on the replacement. At the end of my plan, the replacement phone that I purchased at full cost was "locked" which means I couldn't move it to another carrier. To "unlock" it, I would have to pay someone which in turn voided it warranty. Why would cell phone be different than regular land line phones? I can buy a land line phone from any store and it will work anywhere in the country. I could move from one area to another area with a different service provider but when I plug that phone in the wall, it will work. This makes no sense.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Patrick Marshall.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It's my phone, not the carriers.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Paul J. Camp.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

They took my money under pretense of selling something to me. I bought it. It is now mine, to do with as I please -- move it to a new carrier or use it for third base. According to the Constitution, copyright is about protecting society's right to innovation, not about protecting corporate profit streams. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Paul Jaye.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Being able to unlock the phone that I paid for means that I can use it in the ways that I want. For example, I can run the software that I want.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Paul Maschhoff.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Cell phone locking hurts people who want to go abroad for work, study, or travel and use their phones while they're there. If the phone is locked to a certain carrier, that is not possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Pessemier, David.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We did have TracFones many years ago but their products were very limiting. The phones offered were "as is", so for my family, we all transitioned to the iPhone products under contract (locked). Nowadays, using the unlocked iPhone 6 and 6 Plus has provided us the freedom to shop our rates and we do. We enjoy choice. Since having the unlocked phones though pricey I still believe using current and future savings will have financial benefits for my family
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Peter Grasso.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

My phone is a Samsung Galaxy S4. It what the best available when new and has terrible software. This phone is the equivalent of buying a steel reinforced concrete foundation for a new house, but making the new house 1 room and no door. The device is capable of so much more yet Samsung limits it. The audio drivers are a great example, what am I supposed to do when the static and noise from the headphone jack driver software is creates more noise than the music going through it? The OS is slow, wastes power, and is inconsistent. Some times, I last 2 days on a charge, some days I last 3 hours. When the battery life is short, it is ALWAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! the OS taking the power. Samsung's OS. A fantastic set of software was created for the phone, why throw it away. If I went to a high end restaurant, and told I am only allowed to by a burger and fries because I am paying through let's say Discover, I would be pissed. I would "fight" that why should I be forced to have lesser food because of the way I pay? Samsung is the same way, just like Apple but that's a different rant for another day. Why should I have to have a lesser experience because I got the phone through them? I shouldn't have too, and I will not be buying another Samsung product in favor of something else. Maybe a Nexus. There are three side here as there are with any issue. There is the company side, the modding community, and people who are interested in neither. People who are interested in neither outnumber both the other groups and don't really care for the outcome. Convincing them them is what is important and companies are just pulling words out from any orifice they can find to make their side seem appealing. Please, do research on the consequences of a law like this and it will affect anyone who owns software in a negative way. Last time I checked, everyone uses software in America.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Rachel Hall.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I purchase an item I have the expectation that I own it. As a technical person - I modify my equipment to meet my needs after I purchase it. I should be able to unlock and move my phone to whatever or no service at my choosing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Limiting the ability of the American public to tinker and innovate and modify the equipment they own is only for the benefit of those that are maximizing profit at the cost of stagnation and obsolescence. It is obscene.

Please allow us to continue the grand tradition of MAKEing it better.

Rachel Hall

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ramuel Gall.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

As a long time t-mobile customer, I don't plan on leaving anytime soon. But I would like the option, and I don't want it taken away from me.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Raul Ramos-Schulze.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I travel a lot, so it's important to me that I be able to use my phone with other SIM cards; my current carrier charges an arm and a leg for roaming. Pretty much all carriers charge an early termination fee that recoups the cost of the phone if you leave, so there is little reason why they also need to lock the phone down.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Rich Calligan.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If companies want to make it hard for me to unlock my phone, then so be it. If they want to say my warranty is void, then that sounds perfectly reasonable. But it should not be illegal for me to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Riordan Frost.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Contracts with cellular companies that guarantee one's business with them in exchange for a deal on buying a new phone makes sense. When that contract has expired, blocking that phone from accessing other networks doesn't make sense, and it actually incentivizes illegal cell phone traffickers to sell unlocked phones cheaply, which contradicts the argument that we should block unlocking because of these traffickers.

Ultimately, copyright reform should be about the citizens of the US - the consumers, researchers, artists, farmers, gamers, teachers, and more - everyday people, whose primary motivation is to lead a fulfilling life and contribute in some small way to society. It should not be about the companies whose primary motivation is profit. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Robert Leider.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

After I have paid for my phone and my contract is up, why wouldn't I own it. Since I would own it at that point, my phone should be unlocked and I should be able to do what I want with it otherwise ownership no longer has any meaning.

America has a long history of innovation by individuals working with and manipulating items they have purchased. This innovation has been very important to the economic improvement of the country and its citizens. Without ownership being meaningful to the individual, America would be a poorer and less interesting place today.

Please keep ownership intact, and thank you for your consideration,

Robert Leider

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Robert Link.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Cell phones are ubiquitous and necessary in today's world for communication. Locking a cell phone in to one carrier is like locking a radio into one radio station. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Robert Simpson.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Flexible options and cheaper rates for international travelers

People at cafe with unlocked phone Depending on where and how often you travel, you have the power to curb your out-of-country calling costs. For instance, if you plan on making a lot of local calls within your destination country, you probably want to avoid high international roaming rates charged by a U.S. carrier by buying a pre-paid SIM card with a local, in-country number. If you plan on traveling to multiple countries in the same trip, check out international roaming SIM cards with cheaper-than-U.S. roaming rates, but easier than picking up a local SIM card in each country when you arrive. On the other hand, if you just want to keep in touch with people from home, you can take your compatible GSM unlocked phone with you and keep your U.S. number. You'll pay more for calls and texts, but you won't have to distribute a new phone number to friends and family members. Finally, international road warriors may enjoy the convenience of a phone with dual SIM cards. These phones allow you keep both your "regular" U.S. SIM card and a destination country SIM card in the same unlocked phone, so you can take calls from home on your familiar U.S. phone number and make and receive calls with the lower rates of a local number.

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The total cost of a handset, calling plan and data plan may be less expensive

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A phone purchased with a plan from a carrier is typically less expensive. This is because the full price of the phone is subsidized by your monthly fees to the carrier over the life of your contract. When you buy your unlocked phone outright, you may experience some sticker shock, but, spread over two years, and combined with a less-expensive voice or data plan, it may actually be cheaper than your total monthly payments on a two-year contract. Simply, it pays to research

and crunch numbers, since you may very well discover flexibility in plans and an increase in savings with an unlocked phone.Ú

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Larger selection of phonesÚ

Since each carrier must decide which manufacturer's phones to offer on their network, your phone choice is tied to your carrier, even your prepaid phone company. Take the carriers out of the mix and you can choose any unlocked phone from any manufacturer, including the latest and greatest phones from Apple, Samsung, Nokia and all the other major manufacturers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Rob.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

i believe if I buy it it is mine and the companies should not have the right to limit where I take my phone.

I believe that our rights as American consumers are slowly eroding. When I make a purchase, I am making an adult decision to now OWN that product and that product becomes mine. It gives me the right to use the product as I see fit and it should no be limited by any laws.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Rob MacCurdy.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want to be able to run the best, highest performing software on my phone, or use my phone to access mobile data at a competitive cost, but the monopoly behavior of wireless carriers prevents me from doing this. Our wireless infrastructure in the US is slower and more expensive than that in the rest of the world. This is a known fact and must be addressed, but incumbents will do whatever is required, including misappropriating the language of copyright law. Getting access to (or "rooting") a phone is NOT the same thing as stealing the code, or passing it off as your own. Consumers want to own, not rent their electronics and media. A competitive marketplace must allow diverse options, including rental and ownership - let consumers decide which option they prefer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Sam Atwood.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I need to be able to unlock my phone legally so I can test out new ideas without worrying about legal issues.

I appreciate you taking the time to review my concerns. Individuals need to have protections from ridiculous and protectionist charges companies and their legal departments hide behind. When people like us test new ideas, and share our findings with others, we contribute to innovation and help society to progress. We need regulations that supports our efforts.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Samuel Seide.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Phones shouldn't be locked to phone carriers. It's a piece of electronics that has the ability to work with any carrier and as such, shouldn't be forced to be used with only one service. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Scott Altemus.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It affects my ability to shop for mobile plans. If I have a phone that I like with capable hardware, I should be able to use it on any carrier I like (at least if they want my business and they do). I shouldn't be forced to buy a new phone (sometimes the same exact phone) just because I want to switch carriers. Phones are bought (and aren't cheap), not rented. No one buys a car that only drives on certain roads or certain states.

It is time now to put your foot down for the American people. It is absurd for innovative, independent Americans to have their hands tied by government overreach. When people own things, they own them. Not own to copy and distribute but own to use, modify, destroy, repair, whatever they want. Anything short of that enters a very slippery slope of government overreach vs. personal liberty. Don't be henchmen for shortsighted corporations, strike down these absurd violations of what makes America great.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Scott Miller.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I agree with this statement.

Thank you for your consideration. These things are the right things to do.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Scott Turner.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought a Samsung Galaxy Note 3 from someone that had paid it off with AT&T so they were free to buy an iPhone 5 and put it on their account (AT&T limits the number of active handsets on an account). He sold me the phone and ordered the unlock code from AT&T so I could use it on t-mobile. They strung him along for two weeks before telling him they would not unlock the phone even though it was indeed fully paid off. I took it to an unlocking back alley and they unlocked it. I used the phone but couldn't get the latest software update to update to it via Wifi. I took the SIM card out and tried again. I still couldn't get the latest software but when I put the SIM for T-Mo lie back in I found AT&T had re-locked the phone. I was without a working phone for two days until I could find someone to unlock the phone yet again. This was a terrible burden for me and I do not grasp how AT&T can justify not unlocking and especially tell king a phone whose subsidy had been fully repaid to them!
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Sean Pruszkowski.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I believe that the ability to unlock your phone takes away a lot of unnecessary monopoly power that these phone companies want. This provides us more flexibility with our service choices, making it a free market like America is defined in the Constitution.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Shane Marcheson.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We shouldn't be using copyright laws to bolster existing laws or to "deter" already illegal activity. IE - illegally trafficking cell phones is already illegal, and a matter for the police, FBI etc. and not for the copyright office. All the excuses I've seen from manufacturers seem rather lame, and in fact they only seem to disguise their real intent - to solidify their monopolistic positions, minimize or eliminate competition and to gain control over consumers and the product life-cycle. These aren't american principles. Please give ownership and all rights to the owners of products.

Please represent the best interests of the country as a whole, and realize that the bulk of the arguments corporations are making have little or no merit or standing in sound logic. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Shawn Johnson.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I work hard to budget my money. Unlocked phones make it possible for me to change carriers when my carrier raises their rates
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Shawn.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Being able to unlock my phone will give me the freedom not only to change plans when I'm out of contract, but also to resell my own property and get my children on cheaper plans than what I'm currently stuck with.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, shel.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

When I buy a phone I want to be able to unlock it.
Thank you for your consideration. Stop giving money to big business.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Sherry Ruth.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I bought it it's MINE.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Stephanie Liebold.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Cell phone companies are too controlling, limiting apps and options for consumers. I want the option to unlock my phone's potential.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Stephen Hughes-Jelen.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The idea that someone could "buy" a phone (or any product, for that matter), and not have personal control over what that product does, is ludicrous.

Thank you for your consideration. The idea that a company can control a product after it is sold as a product just seems stupid to me. If it becomes illegal to modify anything, where would ideas come from?

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Stephen Scott.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

John Locke once proponent the idea of Life, Liberty and Property. This was one of the inspirations of the Declaration of Independence. Not only do excessive copyright law go against this freedom, it denies us the very process used to found this country.

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Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Steve Haak.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Let us have control as consumers. We will be better brand fans of your products and IP franchises.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Steven Hess.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

You should own what you buy. Ú
The people you bought it should never continue to control it's configuration after it's paid for.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Steven Ruda.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

It should be my right to learn as much as I can and want about the technology I purchase. If I do something that breaks it, so be it, it was my fault, I'll buy a new one if I want. It's that simple, there is no absolute justification for denying me ownership of the things I purchase. Don't want me owning it? Then don't sell it. If I brick my phone trying to figure out how to control core parts, then that's my fault. What is the justification for trying to keep me from opening up my 5 year old iPod Touch, and trying to repair it myself so I don't have to get a new one. So what if that voids the warranty, I don't care, that warranty voided 4 years ago. So what if you might deny me repair services if I open it up myself, If I really wanted your repair services first, I wouldn't open it up.Ú

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And cell phone traffickers? What threat do they pose me? I'll buy my cell phone from your official store if I want your official phone just the way you want me to have it. Otherwise, If I am confident in my own abilities, I'll pick up one of the phones from these traffickers, and see if I can get it to work for me. If it gets me into trouble and say someone hacks me through the phone, well I guess I should have done a better job at knowing what I was doing. Afraid that the phone I buy from a trafficker is going to have something on it that will make illegal use of a service you provide? Then make sure the phone's components all fit within your regulations before you approve it service.Ú

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When my phone breaks after not doing anything illegal with it, and the warranty is up, and you tell me that I don't own the phone so I can't repair it myself, are you then going to tell me I have to buy a brand new phone at full price? Good luck with that, I'm going to toss your phone in the

garbage and buy one from a company that will let me own it entirely.Ú

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You want me to go to you when my phone breaks? Maybe you shouldn't make it so expensive, maybe you shouldn't make it such a hassle, and maybe then I'll come to you. Otherwise there are plenty of people all around me who can do it better than you, and cheaper than you.

Thank you for your consideration of my arguments. I hope you take them to heart and go with what the people want.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Steven Wilkins.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Having an unlocked phone allows me to do what I want with a product I own. It is the essence of freedom.

Thank you for your consideration.

I find it inconceivable that the copyright office would even consider allowing copyright to control what a person is able to do with a work they own.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Sylvain de Crom.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I pay for it, I own it! Often the lock makes it impractical to use the phone in other countries. Isn't the idea of the government to be in service of the people (at least in this great country)?

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Theodore G Pitts.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Being able to unlock the phone gives me freedom of choice regarding cell phone providers while at the same time not causing the cost of that choice to skyrocket. Additionally after my usage of the phone has ended unlocking it allows me to recoup some of the cost of a new phone by selling it.

Please do not allow a problem caused by weaknesses in existing legislation to be worsened by entities that do not care for innovation and customer satisfaction but instead care about profits to the exclusion of all else. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Thomas Donaghey.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

If I travel overseas and wish to use a local carrier upon my arrival, I have to get a different phone. Why? Not because my phone won't work on the local network - it will - but because my carrier has a lock on my phone that dictates I use their overseas network rates (which over a couple weeks might amount to the cost of the phone itself!) instead of a (far cheaper) local SIM card. This is expensive, duplicative, wasteful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Thomas Lynch.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

As a software developer and a computer scientist I find it absolutely ridiculous that I cannot program my electronic devices. I bought it, I own it. If I want to program it, for better or worse, let me at it. This is the innovation that transforms our lives.

Thank you for your consideration. Freedom to tinker sounds like a great new civil right that should be added to the constitution to encourage our young people to continue to innovate.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Thomas Pell.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I am now using a smart phone on the Tracfone service that did not originate from their locked inventory. They are happy to provide online approval to use other systems' phones with their service, so it is a bit disingenuous of them to wish to lock up theirs. Ú
Property purchased subject to the prior owner wishes to control further use is not truly sold, and yet phones and many other "products" are being passed off as other than leased services.Ú

Please preserve our right to repair and to use products we have rightfully purchased. Corporate greed is not sufficient reason to control property rights and American ingenuity. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Timothy Magee.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I want to be able to buy a phone and then use it however I want. Very few companies sell tablets that are the size of phones. (Only Apple does and they call them digital music players.) If I buy a Samsung Galaxy S6 and then decide to switch carriers I should not have to buy a new phone. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Timothy Yoder.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Trafficking illegal phones is already illegal. You don't need copyright laws policing this issue as well.Ú

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My phone is not just a phone, it is a general purpose computer. No law should exist to prevent me from putting it to any legal purpose I should choose. Moreover, my phone has features such as an FM receiver that the stock software refuses to allow me access to so that I have to use expensive bandwidth instead of free radio access for FM signals. This is unacceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Todd Cox.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Restrictions stop me from using the device in a manner that is best suitable for my needs vs. what they think that they know is best for me. This is like the government taking over health care. They don't know what I need. I am nothing more than a statistic to their remedies. I should be able to react to my needs as fast as my skills can take me. Please do not govern unless I ask you to do so. If I need your help, you can intervene. However, until I request assistance, do not assume that I need you to do so.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Todd Milev.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I need unlocked phones to work and develop tools for my team
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Tom.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

When I "buy" a phone it is my property.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Tom Harp.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I increase the functionality and security of my own personal phone by installing custom operating systems, which can only be done by unlocking it. It's my phone - I didn't buy it through my carrier and I don't owe any payments for it. I should be able to do what I want with it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Tom Maloney.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Businesses do not all fail, but many do. A consumer purchase, even under specific terms of agreement, is a contract. Copyright can not prevent the entire scope of potential consumer values in a validly contracted purchase of a good to expire solely due to the seller's wishes or certainty that they will provide services that provide only a portion of the contracted purchase. When I buy a cellphone, I should not lose the ability to use it due to business adjustments of no concern to me. Cellphone locks-to- services deprive me of the use of the physical object and components that I lawfully purchased. This is unjust and a violation of the essence of the concept of 'ownership'.

Thank you for your consideration. You are wrestling with the very fundamentals of the concept of ownership. Copyright needs to protect its holders. It cannot be used to obligate consumers to maintain a relationship with them. To do so makes clear ownership impossible.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Trent Haynes.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Why should I have to purchase a new phone in order to move to a different provider? I purchased my phone and fulfilled my original contract.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Tyler Hart.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

The "agreements" between manufactures and carriers restricts the best phone models to only one network. I am willing to pay the full price of a phone to be free of a contract, most of the times in excess of \$600, to be able to the phone I want on the carrier I want. If I want the "discount" price then fine lock me in with an exclusivity agreement and a multi-year contract. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Tyler Murphey.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Without the ability to unlock my cell phone, if I switch carriers I get to "keep" the phone I own, but it only serves as a paperweight because I can't continue using it. This adversely affects me because it takes a financial toll, phones are not cheap.

Please keep in mind that consumers need your protection. We are the citizens, government exists for the people, not the corporations. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Ty Nighswonger.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

When I buy a device, I want to be able to use that device where and when I choose. After fulfilling my contract with one carrier, and fully owning my phone, I would like to be able to switch to another carrier at will. This seems like capitalism at its best by creating incentives for free competition.

What we buy should be ours to use as we wish. If this is not the case, these companies should be entering rental or lease agreements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Vasanth.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I have paid the full price of the phone and I travel international. why is that despite paying full retail price for the phone, I am unable to use it internationally.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, Wesley Wu.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Many people like to modify their cars. Some people do it for fun, others do it to learn, and many do it for both. However, car modifications can help criminals, who can modify cars so that they can go faster than the police. Has anyone called for the banning of car modifications because it could possibly aid criminals? Of course not. The only thing that banning the tinkering of cars or electronics does is impede something that thousands of people do for fun and education.

When I buy a product, it should be mine to tinker with as I please. Doing so allows me to learn more about it and become a better computer scientist, which helps society as a whole, as opposed to a corporation receiving a few hundred dollars.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, William Aprea.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Please allow for us to unlock our phones that we paid handsomely for.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, William Cernansky.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I bought it. I own it. It cost a fortune. I should be able to use my phone with ANY carrier I want, once the phone is paid for. In fact, I'm under contract to pay for it anyway, so I legally have to pay for it whether I use another carrier or not!

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Common sense here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, William Chaise Farrar.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

Because of lack of interest in my phone model by my carrier, I will not be getting any software upgrades to my phone, these include performance or security upgrades. I should be allowed to freely modify or install software onto my phone to allow me to continue to use it. Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, William Dudley.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I need cell phone unlocking so that I can go to a foreign country and buy local phone service, which is much cheaper than roaming on my USA service.
Thank you for your consideration.

Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

I am providing comments on behalf of myself, william mallick.

Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 11: Unlocking – wireless telephone handsets

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

My phone is my hardware, that I have bought with my money. Just like my computer, I implicitly have the right to load software, remove software, upgrade or downgrade software and operating system, or to use my hardware in more imaginative purposes than originally designed.Ú

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I do not expect a manufacturer to warranty my hardware against my own changes to the software, but I expect the manufacture to allow me to make those changes at my own risk. Thank you for your consideration. It is important that the freedom to create, freedom to evaluate, educate, review, comment, train, discuss copyrighted materials not be curbed for corporate interests. It is important that owners of all types of hardware be legally allowed to run alternate versions of software on their devices. It is also very important that consumers be allowed to make good, personal copies of media that they already own for the sake of consuming that content in the manor they see fit (like ripping DVDs to watch on an iPad)

Thank you,

William Malick