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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for this chance to voice my concerns regarding the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

I have been a computer user since before the internet was cool and the computer a household item. Of the many trends that I have seen over the years, the increasing ease with which behemoth corporate entities can protect their own interests at the expense of the greater good of the people is one of the most disturbing.

The organizations which are levying this act against consumers engaged in the fair exercise of their rights are performing a blatant abuse of the rights granted to them under DMCA. Through the overly broad application of its language, these organizations pose a threat to the very freedom that will ensure our country a leading edge in the technological field. Taking things apart, be they programs or hardware, seeing how they work, and finding ways to make them work differently or better are not crimes unless one takes a highly Orwellian definition of the word. Rather, this expression of curiosity and desire to look under the hood is what ensures the perpetuation of the benefits that technology can bring to us.

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Most Sincerely,
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