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Dear Sir,

I read the article in the Internet World magazine about the petition that ACTA is doing, and would like to have my comments heard.

I believe that the smaller companies are getting greedy and upset over nothing. First off, I am all for full development of the iPhone type technology. The large phone companies aren't losing any sleep over it, and this free long distance thing is far from ever being close to being really competitive with the regular phone companies.

Most people are not going to go out of their way to make bigger bills to save money. ie: everyone is not going out to buy a computer for a couple of thousand dollars, then pay a server, add another phone line, buy the iPhone software all to save on their long distance bill???

The next thing is there are not enough truly dedicated servers to call people in all the areas you wish to call, let alone have friends and relatives who have a computer so that you may use the iPhone to speak to them. I know this first hand.

When I first read about the free long distance possibilities I jumped into the band wagon. We happen to have 3 computers in our home, one for myself, my husband and the kids. I was the first to get on the net and just about two weeks ago my husband finally got on the net.

I bought the iPhone, I downloaded FWD's software, I spoke to my relatives and friends, most don't have a computer, and the one's that do are complaining about any more cost towards the computer.

I am all set up and have no friends or family to call. I do not wish to call strangers. I also heard that if you are lucky enough to find a server most of them have only one line to use for calls and getting on is a real heart ache. When I found a server in an area to call to a regular phone with FWD, the server was not interested in letting me use their line to try to talk to someone I knew in the area, they are too busy trying to use it for their own calls.

ACTA should stop over reacting. It is much easier to use the regular phone to call anyone you want than it is to find a server or to get a friend or relative to buy the iPhone.

Maybe, if ever when the phone companies get smart and convert over to such a system to help all their customers save money can this ever be very successful. At least with the regular phone one can call anyone, anyplace, anywhere, at anytime, and in today's society isn't time and convenience more important to us, that we are a society ready to pay for it....within reason that is, few people are going to do what I did and go through the expense to set and then find out how disappointed one can be.

Tell, ACTA to take a chill pill and relax, it will be many years before this iPhone really catches on fire, and maybe by then the big Phone Company giants will spring something new that will really pose a threat to the little companies.

Thanks

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