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I am writing to protest the terms of this proposal (or any others) that would ban the installing of third party operating systems and software (such as OpenWRT, CyanogenMod, etc) on consumer electronics.

It is important for people to be able to install these operating systems to fix security issues. It is important for wireless network researchers to innovate. It helps prevent electronic waste by re-using hardware rather than replacing it. Finally, as long as people do no harm to other people, they have a right to use their property as they choose. It has been personally valuable to me and many people I know to install such software on our devices, and it would be a great blow to the freedom and values of our nation to ban such activity.

Additionally, reliance on software to stop bad actors will not stop them -- people who have the ability to install such software on routers, etc. to do unlawful things will still be able to configure general purpose computers with transmitters to do the same thing. It might be wiser to, for instance, lock transmitters to lawful frequencies in hardware rather than software. But banning the installation of software (including operating systems) by device owners is unconscionable.