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Comment: I want full controll in device wich i will buy.

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Comment: Dear FCC

I vote NO! to your proposal, there has to be a better way.

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Comment: This proposed rule is unconscionable and should NOT be considered. It does not solve a problem. Anyone wanting to hack an SDR can easily create a radio on different frequencies to do the same thing, so the proposed rule prevents and accomplishes nothing.

The proposed additional regulations therefore, don't make a difference in terms of deterring this type of behavior, and only really have the effect of negatively impacting open-source software and hardware.

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Comment: This will just mean technical people will no longer purchase their devices from companies in the united states, me included.

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Comment: Please, don't implement the rules that take away the consumer's ability to install software and modify the hardware of any of these devices. Businesses want too much control over the products we buy from them, essentially making it that we're only renting it, in a sense. The consumers shouldn't be punished because the manufacturers want more control.

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Comment: Please do not allow manufacturers to lock devices we purchase in any way.

Wireless networking research depends on the ability of researchers to investigate and modify their devices.

Americans need the ability to fix security holes in their devices when the manufacturer chooses to not do so.

Users have in the past fixed serious bugs in their wifi drivers, which would be banned under the NPRM.

Billions of dollars of commerce, such as secure wifi vendors, retail hotspot vendors, depends on the ability of users and companies to install the software of their choosing

Consumers should always be able to choose how they utilize any product they purchase.

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Comment: Hello FCC, I do not think this is a good proposal. This will take away the ability of users to install the software of their choosing on their computing devices. Additional points of emphasis you should consider adding:

- \* Wireless networking research depends on the ability of researchers to investigate and modify their devices.
- \* Americans need the ability to fix security holes in their devices when the manufacturer chooses to not do so.
- \* Users have in the past fixed serious bugs in their wifi drivers, which would be banned under the NPRM.
- \* Billions of dollars of commerce, such as secure wifi vendors, retail hotspot vendors, depends on the ability of users and companies to install the software of their choosing.

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Comment: I ask that the Commission to vote no for this rule because it will slow software development. Also it will slow the development of new technology. If you was to vote no for this rule it would lead to lower prices on consumer electronics. However if you vote yes then prices will jump and the economy will slow down in this market area.

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Comment: Please do not implement rules that take away the ability of users to install the software of their choosing on their computing devices. This would be a devastating move against my industry of researchers and developers. Additionally this would greatly hinder DIY and hobby folks

Here are some important facts to consider:

- \* Wireless networking research depends on the ability of researchers to investigate and modify their devices.
- \* Americans need the ability to fix security holes in their devices when the manufacturer chooses to not do so. I have several old routers that are fine hardware wise but required a 3rd party fix to make the devices secure. Users have in the past fixed serious bugs in their wifi drivers, which would be banned under the NPRM.
- \* Billions of dollars of commerce, such as secure wifi vendors, retail hotspot vendors, depends on the ability of users and companies to install the software of their choosing. Why should the devices I use in my home be any different?

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Comment: I seriously hope you reconsider passing rules like these. Locking down devices in this way is a serious threat to the choices of consumers, and also a threat to open-source software that has helped form the backbone of the internet.

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Comment: This will limit innovation too greatly and cannot be allowed for that reason.

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Comment: Are you people simply out of your minds? This would break one of the most creative parts of the open source community. Look at two specific examples - dd-wrt and cyanogenmod. These started out as white-hat hacker projects and proved to be so good that they are now sought out and applied by major US corporations. This regulation would (attempt to) stop this. Let me be really clear, this proposed rule is stoopid, stoopid, stoopid.

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Comment: I believe it is my right as an American citizen to send or receive any property unopened and/or tampered with by a third party, and I endorse a proposal to enforce regulations to prevent such tampering.

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Comment: Hello,

I am writing this formal complaint on behalf of Myself, The computer technicians I employ, Work With, and train for the future of the industry. These proposed FCC Regulations would severely impact the world of IT in a way Unprecedented before. I do not see any reason that I could agree on these changes being useful as this will lock down not only the freedom and flexibility of devices and mobile devices but may completely Cripple the market for devices all over the united states. Linux Users would therefore be illegal just for existing and using their operating system. Many Corporate DataCentres and facilities that employ Operating systems that would be made illegal by your act would either have to continue breaking new regulations, or commit to impossibly lengthy downtime to switch operating systems and rework their network and Software to function on what you deem to be legal.

These Proposed changes just make no sense to me at all and will do more harm than ever any good...

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Comment: So this means that I can't modify something that I legitimately purchased? Yay for random government agencies take freedom away from the people.

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Comment: I think this is a terrible idea. It openly blocks innovation as well as makes it a crime to use your own property in any safe way you see fit. It assumes malicious behavior and honestly seems like an end around by corporations to lock down their devices so they can install any manner of software on your phone,computer, etc.

I bought the device, I'll use it as I see fit. If someone breaks the law with it, then punish them as per the law. Creating a regulation to some how "prevent" malicious activity punishes those with non malicious intent while doing nothing to stop those with malicious intent.This is obviously intended to control the law abiding masses, not prevent unlawful behavior.

I find it incredibly stupid on the government's part that we are looking to put more regulation on our cells phones then we are guns. I can do more damage with a legally purchased gun, and we take almost no preventive measures to stop malicious use of said gun. Even though it has MORE potential to do real harm.

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Comment: There is no need to pass legislation on modular radio devices. This benefits no one and is completely unnecessary.

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Comment: This proposed rule seems to be a bad idea to me. I believe that existing FCC rules work as designed, and further locking down devices is additionally bad for consumer choice.

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Comment: Stop trying to control things you think we don't understand.

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Comment: When I heard that this was under consideration, I was immediately worried because it will negatively impact many aspects of my life. I am a user of alternative operating systems - I use Linux on my PC and laptops, I use CyanogenMod on my Android cell phone, I use DD-WRT on my router, and I'm the author of my own hobbyist operating system that runs on my calculators. Fortunately, the calculators are not likely to be affected by this, but my experience with them does give me some insight into the advantages of user tinkering. I'd like to share my thoughts with you on each of the three tiers of my electronic life - PC, cell phones, and calculators.

My PC and laptops may all be affected by this. I am an advocate for user privacy - not just from the government, but from private organizations that aim to track and understand our citizens en masse. Microsoft Windows is the operating system that is installed by default on many devices, and it is well known that it sends information about your habits to Microsoft as you use it. As a tinkerer, I'm also not able to tweak and modify Windows to suit my needs because it is closed source software and the strict license prohibits reverse engineering it. This is why I install Linux on my computers - it's free and open source, which means I can tinker with it to my heart's content (and I do). I am also confident that it is not tracking my personal information.

My cell phone is another example of my adventures in alternative operating systems. Smart phones are a nightmare for people that care strongly about personal privacy. Without my modifications, my device is a sophisticated spying device that allows people to track my whereabouts, the conversations I have near it, the emails I receive and the websites I browse, and more. They are also often susceptible to security issues that go unfixed for long periods of time due to poor update schedules from OEMs. The very nature of the cell phone network is also extremely vulnerable to use for spying - again, not just by governments, but by private individuals. Unfortunately, even with my tinkering it can't be made perfect. But I feel much better about my privacy when I use CyanogenMod than if I were to use the operating system it originally came with. On top of this, I am able to tinker more with it to suit my desires. The original operating system came with many apps that I did not want, did not ask for, and that served me no useful purpose other than to present me with advertisements. I am not able to remove these "shovelware" apps without taking the measures this proposal may prohibit.

Another point of concern is my router. My router uses an open source firmware called DD-WRT. Routers are a serious security concern. As an attack vector into my private network, it's a very important target. Routers intended for private use are notorious for frequent security issues. Worse, however, is the fact that they never receive security updates, and these issues remain present in your router indefinitely. From the tinkering perspective as well, I'm able to use my router to do much more interesting things than it is originally capable of, such as running a VPN service for remotely accessing my network.

Finally, I'm the author of an operating system called KnightOS. It's an operating system for Texas Instruments calculators. Fortunately, they will not be affected by this proposal. However, my position here is similar to the position that the authors of CyanogenMod and DD-WRT find themselves in. I wrote this operating system to grant users more control over their calculators. It allows them to unlock the full potential of these devices, and it does so in a free and open source way. It allows people to exercise greater control over their device and lets them tweak its behaviour to better suit their liking. I understand that the FCC is worried that people will tweak their device's behaviour to violate FCC guidelines on radio usage. However, by taking these measures to prevent that, you are sacrificing many very important concerns that consumers have. It's better to enforce the law when it's broken than to cripple our rights in exchange for having it never broken in the first place. Even if you disagree with that, you're fighting a losing battle. No company can make a perfect device. No measures they put in place can ever stand up to the combined aptitude of tinkerers who are more than happy to find a way around it, publish their results, and get users back in control of their privacy and personal security.

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Comment: Guys, just one question. No, two.

1) U are idiots?

2) We are yours slaves?!



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Comment: Please do not approve this proposal. Approval of this proposal would prevent consumers from updating or changing hardware they own. It would also greatly limit the function of mesh networks.

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Comment: Why would you ever consider doing this?????? FUCK YOU!

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Comment: This plan is terrible. Locking down ALL RF enabled devices would kill many businesses inside the United States.

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Comment: Hi, While I do believe in security of software/hardware, it is NOT ok to force lock products that people buy. Therefore, I ask that you do not pass this document.

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Comment: Dear FCC,

Please don't implement rulings that will force companies to lock down their devices further. It is already difficult enough with today's mainstream devices to implement critical security fixes on devices that are locked. Expanding on any rules to force manufacturers to further lock their devices will only make this situation worse.

Security and usability updates should always be accessible to the end user without having to wait months or longer for a manufacturer to provide those updates.

Consumer interest groups have also pointed out that these rule changes could also affect the ability of users to change operating systems on devices they own. This should not be the environment in which consumers have to operate. These situations are anti-competitive. It should be my choice as to what software I run on devices I have legally purchased. That choice should be mine for security reasons alone.

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Comment: I am writing to you on the subject of "Requiring manufacturers to lock down computing devices". Basically i'm going to say it simple, i want to be able to control my computing devices. There needs to be open source, because if the people in charge aren't able to do a good job on the security for example of that certain device, then at least let the people fix it. And right now we are in a phase where a lot of manufacturers aren't doing their job quite right, so we the consumers should at least have a chance of making that product better for ourselves. And not to mention the fact that this could also put in danger our privacy, companies having some sort of bloatware that tracks our habits or what we do, what we see etc. Look for example at Windows 10, imagine having that on a phone, only much worse and not even knowing about it and also not being able to do anything about it. Or what guarantee do we have that those manufacturers won't put backdoors on those certain devices, for who knows what reasons? That's why we need open source, to have some sort of control over our devices. And let's be honest, if someone wants to do something bad with those devices, he will find a way, no matter how locked down it is. Thank you and have a nice day.

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Comment: Rules restricting the pubic on how they can use their property is not in the public interest. I do not support this rule.

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Comment: My devices are my own and I assert my right to use and/or modify them in any way that I see fit, within the bounds of existing law. This right includes, but is not limited to: installing software of my own choosing upon the device, and alter the software on said device to fix defects.

Do not further limit my, and others like me, ability to perform these actions on devices that we fully and legally own.

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Comment: I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION/RULE

the market for PCs, phone and general computing devices is already arbitrarily difficult to manage and administer as a user. Do not turn the hardware that consumers "own" into the black boxes that the switches, routers, modems and radios need to be.

this resolution further codifies the gray area of flashing/installing custom software to a device that is locked down/out by the manufacturer distributor or carrier in such ways that are designed to keep consumers on their platform, playing by their rules. it is bad for business and bad for consumers.

in a digital economy it is far more dangerous to consumers to restrict their ability to migrate to faster moving software that is more up to date and protected against unpatched security threats.

if this rule were to go into effect today it would make millions of Americans criminals for running code that was not originally installed by the manufacturer/carrier of their device.

While I do not support this resolution in its current form i would lend support to it if it enforced these rules on components that deserved to be black boxes, i.e. radios, modems and routers are isolated and external options of a consumer computing device. until such time that such changes are made to this proposed rule i staunchly stand against its implementation.

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Comment: What a sneaky way to destroy peoples anonymity. You think this is a clever idea with whats going on in the world and you're going to censor it more? You'll trigger snowden and co to destroy your government. Your lobbying shit has gone to far now. You need to listen to individuals on this. Not the people who are lining your pockets. What about a non profit organisation like The Geek Group in Grand Rapids, MI. They have an electronics lab, they experiment in their. What about people who are developing new products? Oh no, because of your bullshit propositions that will be impossible and only companies with enough cash to send you and all your coworkers on holiday will be able to develop.

I suggest you read the comments on this link below, these are people who apply logical and critical thinking and views and opinions are voted on.

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Comment: Dear FCC,

From my point of view you should be doing the exact opposite. It should be illegal for OEMs and ISPs to lock down devices they sell to consumers. The fact that my phone's bootloader is locked, preventing me from updating my phone's OS with security patches, is asinine. You should be suing and fining the companies that do this because it's entirely anti-consumer.

This would more than likely restrict installation of alternative operating systems on your PC, like GNU/Linux, OpenBSD, FreeBSD, etc. And also prevent research into advanced wireless technologies, like mesh networking and bufferbloat fixes.

Moreover it will ban installation of custom firmware on your Android phone and surely discourage the development of alternative free and open source WiFi firmware, like OpenWrt.

Imagine in case of disaster it will infringe upon the ability of amateur radio operators to create high powered mesh networks to assist emergency personnel.

It's not only Anti-Consumer but also prevent resellers from installing firmware on routers, such as for retail WiFi hotspots or VPNs, without agreeing to any condition a manufacturer so chooses.