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Comment: This makes no sense whatsoever. What you are trying to do is stop alternative firmware used on most of the devices, such as laptops, smartphones, tablets, routers and such. You are trying to force users to use buggy, unsafe, vulnerable, often backdoored software delivered by the manufacturers.

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Comment: I am writing in objection to some of the elements of this proposal.

While I appreciate the effort to streamline the approval process to reduce costs and time required to review new products and designs I worry that the proposal as written could be interpreted in a way that would discourage experimentation and innovation by consumers or companies for fear that these rules could be interpreted as a prohibition against reconfiguring a piece of equipment to improve performance , reliability, privacy or security.

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Comment: I am respectfully asking the FCC to not implement rules that take away the ability of users to install the software of their choosing on their computing devices.

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.

Lastly, please do not restrict the freedoms of Americans.

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Comment: I'm 100% against this law. I'm in a programming school and we have to use Linux on our personal computers. Even without that, I want to be able to chose what operating system I want to use. Also I use a custom rom for my android phone called cyanogenmod, simply because I prefer this to the default one.

Please don't do this, this is so wrong in all the ways possible.

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Comment: This makes no sense. What possible reason is there to impose these restrictions on every American? I have rooted and installed custom OSes on every phone I've had for the last 10 or so years (dating back to installing custom software on BlackBerry). If you check the member count at XDA-developers, you'll see there are many more like me. There are even more of us if you count people who like trying out Linux distros. None of us are trying to decrypt government nuclear codes with our phones; we're just optimising our equipment to get more use out of it! I mean, I can't speak for what the Linux guys are up to, but using custom phone OSes to hack stuff is probably the dumbest thing anyone could ever perceive as a potential threat ever. I'm pretty sure squirrels are a bigger threat to the American people.

Why do you want to make this hobby illegal? This policy would be about as effective in stopping hobbyists as current marijuana policies are at stopping pot smokers. Which is to say... Not effective. But you'd manage to make yet another large and harmless chunk of the American people into criminals! So you've got that going for you.

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Comment: This proposal is a threat to the open software market. It could leave hardware manufacturers free to eliminate large portions of it at once by restricting the installations of programs and operating systems, which would otherwise be and perfectly capable of running on their hardware.

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Comment: Strongly disagree with this, the ban, as such prohibitions, would benefit only the major producers and other corporations, but violated the rights and interests of the end user and his right to freely dispose of the purchased goods, if the person paid for the goods, he has the full right to dispose of it in its sole discretion, as it can at the same time a consumer and a developer (including non-commercial). Such restrictions are also an indication that infringe on the rights to privacy and personal life (as well as freedom of choice)

If there is no possibility of modifying the firmware, it is about freedom and democracy, you can not say it's some kind of authoritarianism and corporatism flowing to some technical fascism, independent developers and enthusiasts declare upon as the violators of the laws ... it is not acceptable to the a free and democratic society, it is not acceptable for the majority of developers in the world of free software & GNU LINUX!

This is essentially a project against the people and their interests, but this should not be in the world and the country are for freedom, democracy, and against totalitarian regimes and other dictatorships!

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Comment: I am writing particularly about the part regarding modification by third parties. This is not necessary. Do not do this. It is harmful to those of us that would set up mesh networks, or invent rf equipment, or learn about it, or improve rf equipment, or use rf equipment. Please, why would you do this? Is there widespread abuse? I doubt it. Would this prevent bad people with bad intentions from doing bad things? No, because they don't care about the law. This will just get in the way of well intentioned citizens' aspirations of science and innovation and utility and freedom. Implementation of these rules would make the FCC look like it either has bad intentions or is out of touch, and it would frankly just be depressing to a generation that is already extremely skeptical of the FCC. Don't do this please.

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Comment: These rules undermine the way I use my devices every day. I should be allowed to modify my device in any way so long as it does not result in harm or loss of property to another person.

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Comment: These proposed rules would be damaging to the current and future innovation of wireless technologies. Such restrictions are comparable to removing the ability of an automobile owner to make changes to their car. There are large sections of the economy that are built on the ability to modify the internals of the car.

The biggest gains in innovation that we have had in the past 15 years are the result of the open source model. Open source linux based operating systems have given individuals the power to innovate and create, which businesses in turn have been able to leverage the work done in open source communities to innovate and produce at a rate that would have otherwise been economically impossible. Large restrictions to the ability for people to modify the devices they own will cause the collapse of the open source communities, and as a result the work that an increasing number of new businesses rely on will halt. It would be harmful to our economic growth, and as a result the general public.

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Comment: This is a terrible idea. Devices should belong to the user and they should have full rights to modify the device in anyway they see fit. Locking down the hardware and software prevents innovation and more than anything else, reduces the viability of the device. Small wireless devices such as phones, gps and tablets are basically computers and should be supported in much the same way as desktop pcs. Passing this rule would only make the devices that it restricts generally useless and move all current users who value control to a brand manufactured outside of the United States that doesn't engage in this nonsensical anti-competitive behavior. We have given the wireless carriers in this country entirely too much power over the industry, do not give them any more.

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Comment: This is a really bad idea. Most routers come with awful firmware that is rarely maintained. This is incredibly anticonsumer.

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Comment: Hello!

This regulation would highly effect any device and any PC enthusiast very profoundly. Especially those working on open-source operating systems or programs.

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Comment: I'm wary of obligating or encouraging device manufacturers to impose any sort of artificial lock on their devices. I'm specifically wary when it comes to cell phones. I paid nearly 800 dollars for the device that I'm typing this on, and would prefer owning it and its capabilities outright.

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Comment: The manufacturer should not be liable for third party modifications - third party modifications should be allowed, and the end user should be liable. Often this is the only way that certain hardware will work on new devices, and it is the only way to ensure the security of an otherwise untrusted device.

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Comment: This proposal infringes on the rights of the consumer to use goods they have purchased as they see fit. It is unfair to impose restrictions on people with legitimate reasons for making modifications to their belongings. Thus the proposal should not be upheld.

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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.

Sincerely Kyle Shike

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Comment: This regulation would severely restrict the ability of consumers to choose what they want to do with their own devices, making the free market forbidden territory for companies that want to allow their users to choose their own operating systems and leaving consumers stuck with subpar operating systems, firmwares and software.

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Comment: This seems completely anti-consumer to me. It shouldn't even be legal for a device that I own to be locked down or otherwise tampered with without my approval. People should have the right to modify their property how they see fit without having to worry about something like what this proposal is saying.

Sincerely, Kai Wilkinson

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Comment: Dear FCC,

I feel that preventing people from installing custom firmware on routers, wifi-adapters, etc, is anti-consumer. As a user who regularly uses firmware such as DD-WRT to manage and secure my home network I feel that a user has the right to customize their personal property as they see fit, for their personal needs.

I urge you to reconsider this ruling, and defend a users right to modify their personal property.

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Comment: I am requesting that the ability to modify firmware on consumer devices not be removed, for a number of reasons. First, I do not trust large, for-profit corporations. They have proven time and time again that they do not have our best interests at heart by refusing to fix security vulnerabilities, including backdoors of their own, and selling our information to advertisers. Second, with bandwidth caps becoming more and more prevalent, custom firmware on my phone has allowed me to block advertisements (often a source of malware as well).

I'm not going to pretend to be an expert in any field, but I am a consumer. Without the ability to modify our devices, we lose the ability to protect ourselves. When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns. When custom firmware is outlawed, we're all screwed.

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Comment: Please reconsider this proposal. As an Engineer with over a decade of experience working with Open Source tools and technology, I know for a fact that these kinds of rules that limit our ability to modify the software on consumer tech will stifle innovation and absolutely would have eliminated my ability to learn my trade fourteen years ago. The output of this proposal can be achieved without this level of restriction on the use of consumer devices. This will also create a secondary grey market of non-compliant deprecated devices which will be put into use instead of modern technology, resulting in an overall stagnation of technology in the US.

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Comment: Implementation of the NPRM as proposed by the FCC would not only affect the market of the United States of America, but also other markets abroad (notably the European Union's internal market). In these markets products complying with FCC rules and regulations are also being sold, in spite of the FCC rules not being applicable in those markets. As the NPRM is currently written it would effectively:

Restrict installation of alternative operating systems on your PC, like GNU/Linux, OpenBSD, FreeBSD, etc.

Prevent research into advanced wireless technologies, like mesh networking and bufferbloat fixes

Ban installation of custom firmware on Android phones

Discourage the development of alternative free and open source WiFi firmware, like OpenWrt

Infringe upon the ability of amateur radio operators to create high powered mesh networks to assist emergency personnel in a disaster.

Prevent resellers from installing firmware on routers, such as for retail WiFi hotspots or VPNs, without agreeing to any condition a manufacturer so chooses.

This is wrong. As an amateur tech doing regular tech-support the ability to dual-boot a GNU/Linux based OS beside a main Windows installation is critical when troubleshooting software, especially an OS. certain files in the System32 folder sometimes needs to be altered, an operation not possible from within windows itself.

Restricting the ability to research advanced wireless technologies would slow down the development and deployment of future wireless network such as 5G and future wifi standards, such as the planned 802.11AX, Not only in the US but in other countries as well.

The same idea behind switching OS permanently or temporarily also applies when setting up LAN networks and supporting Android devices, sometimes a security-threat or other flaw in the firmware such as a major feature-breaking bug or inherent spyware cannot be removed without switching to a third-party firmware or implementing an unofficial patch from a third-party, something that manufacturers would have to actively try to hinder end users and the people supporting these systems on-site from permanently or temporarily fix these issues on their own.

Hindering amateur radio operators from creating high-powered mesh networks used to assist emergency personnel in

disaster areas could end up costing thousands, if not tens of thousands of lives, simply because the radio operators were hindered from doing their jobs due to the proposed FCC rules.

Conclusion: Please DO NOT implement the NPRM, if it is implemented it could end up costing many company tech's, emergency personnel and amateurs a lot of time, money and ultimately, human lives

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Comment: G'day FCC,

I feel that the rule you proposed regarding the 'locking down of computing devices to prevent modification to their wifi' would do more harm than good.

My main problems with this rule are:

* This will prevent users from installing custom ROMs of their phones and other hand held devices.

* This will prevent people from setting up redundant mesh networks in places where the internet is unreliable. (read: rural Australia)

* This will make it harder/impossible for users to put custom firmware of their routers/modems like OpenWRT.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy W

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Comment: I think the FCC should allow devices to be open as customers own the device and should be able to modify it accordingly. The FCC should allow devices to be "open" and allow for innovation.

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Comment: Honestly, I think this is a terrible idea. It will limit my options for personally owned wireless access points and lock me to poorly supported or feature poor software.

Right now I'm using a TP-Link Archer C7 router with OpenWRT firmware, because it allows me to setup multiple SSIDs (including a guest network) and supports VLAN tagging. Under your proposal, that would no longer be an option for me, and I would either need to purchase more expensive dedicated hardware or multiple devices to do the job that one device is currently doing.

I'm not even sure you're actually solving any real problems here, other than limiting the end users options for hardware they've purchased.

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Comment: Public servants of the Federal Communications Commission,

It is with great concern that I write you today regarding the latest proposal to restrict free use and research by private citizens of alternative wireless and computing systems.

The ability for private citizens alongside, but not in conjunction with, federally approved researchers to conduct their own research and use of any and all methods of electronic communication is paramount to the future progress of technological advancement of this very necessary field of technology.

On the subject of liberty it is not at all acceptable that, given we live in a free society, our use of technology should be dependent upon federal approval of certain manufacturer's technology nor should our separate but intersecting third party devices be limited by some arbitrarily concocted regulations. It is not within the federal government's powers or mandate to codify specific software and hardware solely on the basis that it lies outside standard mainstream consumer products. Further, information security is paramount in today's world and often alternative operating systems offer a higher degree of internal systems security not found in most popular and conventional forms of consumer products. The FCC could find itself in quite a precarious position should a large number of citizens find their data in the hands of unscrupulous individuals which could have been averted were they able to use alternative technology systems but were denied due to the FCC's own regulatory measures.

Americans must also be able to secure their own data when the companies we rely on abstain from patching their own security flaws. That the FCC would be considering a proposal which could leave private citizens at the mercy of individuals operating outside the boundaries of the law is worrisome to say the least and in the past it has often been the case that privacy gaps and security flaws in wireless hardware which transmits sensitive data has been fixed as a result of the efforts of private individuals. This and many similar actions would be banned under the NPRM.

The FCC may also run afoul of the First Amendment to the Constitution by limiting those citizens who seek to use alternative methods and hardware to transmit wireless data as a matter of political principals and the desire to express political dissent through legitimate consumption practices. The NPRM would stifle this very legitimate speech, protected under the First Amendment, and may find itself on the wrong side of Constitutional Law and Supreme Court precedent.

I hope my words have not been met by deaf ears and the Federal Communications Commission takes seriously the implications of this very dangerous precedent being set should this regulatory measure come into effect. I am confident in the FCC's ability to make the right choice by setting aside this regulatory measure and hanging it up in the "extremely

bad" category of regulatory ideas.

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Comment: To Whom It May Concern:

I write today because I am deeply concerned about the newly proposed rules for equipment authorization related to RF devices. In particular, I have come to understand that these new rules would require manufacturers of common computer-related equipment, such as wireless networking (WiFi) equipment, to "lock down" hardware and software so that consumers could not modify it.

This rule is, in my opinion, antithetical to a free society, and will hinder technology progress in a very real way. The computer industry, and technology industry in general, has made fast progress over the last several decades because ordinary people and small companies can experiment with, and modify, hardware and software. In fact, software in particular has seen a revolution in the open-source movement, in which ordinary people with good ideas can collaborate freely with others in loose-knit ways and in which the best ideas eventually win.

The ability for ordinary people to invent new technology will be severely hindered, or eliminated, if all new WiFi and related RF devices are "locked down". The net effect, in my opinion, will be that only large companies will produce new devices, and these devices will be only small evolutions on existing technology. Real progress will be slower.

To give a specific example of technology that has come from grassroots experimentation: wireless mesh networking often involves modifying firmware on "base station" WiFi devices, and it has the ability to provide a very resilient and low-cost urban-area network backbone both for underdeveloped areas and for emergency purposes.

In fact, this type of use and experimentation is analogous to the role that amateur/ham radio has played, and continues to play, for RF technology in general. Ham radio operators are critical to emergency readiness, and they have innovated and improved RF technology in many ways. Unfortunately, if new WiFi and related devices are "locked down", this type of experimentation will be impossible (even for people who hold amateur radio licenses, as they often use commercial WiFi equipment for amateur-band operation).

I urge you to reconsider the wider implications of this proposed rule change. While it may not appear to be consequential in the short term (as the common consumer will still be able to purchase and use WiFi equipment for "standard" purposes), it will have very serious consequences in the medium to long term for technology innovation in this area.

Thank you for your time!

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Comment: Ok, so a lot of peoplw are not happy with this, including me. Why? Because you, the FFC, are locking down OUR devices. This don't really make sense, because you are interfering with the mature of GNU/Linux. An example is android, where OEMs stop updating phones, allowing security flaws affect the users. That's why protects like CyanogenMod were created, so old phones can have the most recent version of Android.

Well, maybe you are going to print all of these commentaries and wipe your asses with them, but approving this is going to make more big problems in the future...

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Comment: This proposal will destroy open source innovations in router software development and criminalize tinkering with computer networking hardware. Were such uses causing serious harm to the public airwaves, it would at least make some sense; that does not seem to be the case.

The revolutions in computing over the last two generations have occurred within environment conducive to hobbyists having the freedom to tinker. This freedom should not be dismantled without good cause, and without acknowledgment of this proposal's hostility towards both hobbyists and of the public which reaps the rewards of the current, more permissive regulations.

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Comment: Allowing people to modify and adapt their equipment allows for more innovation and can encourage users to learn more about the equipment. Those who use devices with malicious intent will continue to do so while the average adapter is just creating something to support their personal network requirements. Allow freedom of discovery in all facets of technology and life.

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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.

Sincerely,

Corry Z. Dauderman

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Comment: This would frankly be a dreadful rule. It seems like the first steps towards a North Korea-esque totalitarian regime, where everything is delivered by government-supported monopolies, and could lead to another Bell Telephone where they have complete control over the price they want to sell it for.

If this gets implemented, it will only be another reason for the rest of the world to laugh at USA I fear, do the right thing, and don't implement this rule.

-Gustav Nielsen

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Comment: Hello, as an avid enthusiast of the hobby of building and maintaining my own computers, this proposed rule would single-handedly make the hobby of hundreds of thousands of people illegal instantly. It's absurd that a consumer would not be able to modify the device that they own completely, and this proposed rule should not be accepted.

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Comment: This will, in practical deployment, lead to digital restrictions management which would cripple the freedoms of power users. Please don't limit the freedoms of americans to modify their devices if they wish.

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Comment: These new rules would be detrimental to the technological community in the United States.

1. I would basically not be allowed to fiddle with things that I paid for with my own money, and that I now own.
2. This would effectively kill the Open Source community (that is, the community that provides and works on source code together). This would considerably slow down progress from independent developers.
3. It prevents some end users from remaining anonymous when using a certain product.
4. It is retroactive when discussing how we work with the internet and the devices that connect to it. It slows down the transport of information and ideas, which makes innovation much slower.

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Comment: This is a bad, consumer-unfriendly proposal. This will provide nothing good for the consumers who should be the owners of these products. The manufacturers provide the product. We, the consumers, are the owners and must be free to modify or use these devices to our wants and needs. To try and lock everything down kills the rights of the power users who want to have control over their devices, not the devices having control over them.

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Comment: These changes would prevent users from choosing what software runs on their devices that are equipped with radio technologies these rules describe.

This would make it too easy for companies to create a monopoly.

It would also prevent faster improvement of these radio technologies by usage of alternative software.

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Comment: I do not think the rules and regulations should change. On the basis of the overall negative effect on forward progress and personal freedoms. Reasons not to change regulations;

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. Freedom is greater than safety.

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Comment: This is the dumb. You(comcast) are disgusting a diabolical. You need to stop with trying to screw over citizens.

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Comment: It is an enormous overreach to impose restrictions on the use of private property. Take this plan and throw it in the dumpster.

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Comment: I would respectfully request that there be no legislation that prevents modification -- either in software or hardware -- to computing devices that contain modular radios.

As the proposal notes, the wireless industry has advanced at a staggering pace over the last several years. This is due, in large part, to the research advancements made by individual owners of commodity wireless hardware. Limiting the ability for future hobbyists, inventors, and developers to provide their own modifications to these systems would limit innovation in a multi-billion dollar industry.