

At least until the FCC decides to do the right thing for wireless users and mandate the principle of wholesale open access for the wireless market that was made into law for wire-lines with the 1968 Carterfone decision I will be supporting jail-breaking exemptions by the U.S. Copyright Office for smart phones to unlock these handsets for use with any wireless carrier. Also by jail-breaking the phones to run modified code and non approved mobile applications not permitted for example in Apple's iOS App Store the user has the freedom anyway to run the applications of his or her choice. That being said I urge the FCC to mandate wholesale open access for future 3G/4G handsets making it a requirement that the phones be made available unlocked so the SIM Card can be changed to use one's phone with different carriers. That being said some consumers unwilling or unable to pay a higher cost for a non carrier subsidized phone could get the phone at a cheaper price on contract from a carrier. In the case of Apple's iPhone if you want to buy the iPhone and you're not eligible for the upgrade from your carrier you have to pay \$649 for an iPhone. If you're buying your iPhone from a carrier but it's unlocked and unsubsidized even then you would have to pay the carrier \$649 and they have to pay Apple. If you want an iPhone for less the user can sign up for a contract and get an iPhone 4S for \$199. This being said I still urge the FCC to mandate wholesale open access for wireless and to reprimand BART for wireless blocking.