Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption
Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

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Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 25: Software—Security Research

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

We, the undersigned security researchers, are aware that certain types of security research are not being performed by researchers because of fear of legal consequences under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. We believe that government and corporate systems, consumer products, financial transactions, and national security are less secure as a result of the unperformed research. We strongly urge the Copyright Office to grant the Security Researchers' exemption request under proposed Class 25. This exemption will directly promote the development of secure systems.