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Re: Docket No. 2023-5  
Exemptions to Prohibition Against Circumvention of Technological Measures Protecting  
Copyrighted Works

Dear Participants:

Thank you for your participation in the hearing related to Proposed Class 5 (Computer Programs – Repair) as part of the Copyright Office’s Section 1201 rulemaking proceeding. After reviewing certain matters discussed at the hearing, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to provide written responses to two follow-up questions.

In their comments and during the hearing, proponents cited to several representative examples (proponents refer to these as “index examples”) in support of a class that would cover repair-related activities for commercial and industrial equipment. Although the written comments reference grills, frozen drink machines, and batch freezers as examples of equipment used in commercial food preparation, the record primarily focuses on one example: the Taylor soft serve ice cream machine.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Please identify and provide any additional examples where the proposed repair-related uses of commercial food preparation equipment are being adversely affected by the prohibition against circumvention.
2. Please provide your views on whether the Office can extrapolate from the Taylor soft serve ice cream machine to consider an exemption that would cover equipment used in commercial food preparation.

Please provide your response(s) **no later than the close of business May 28, 2024**. Such responses should identify the responding party and the proposed class at issue, and should be no more than five pages in length. Please note that no further exhibits will be accepted. Please submit your responses to me at [svwilson@copyright.gov](mailto:svwilson@copyright.gov) and Nick Bartelt at [niba@copyright.gov](mailto:niba@copyright.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne V. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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