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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing with me your concerns about the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the enforcement of this law against modification chips for gaming consoles. I appreciate hearing from you and apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), which was signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1998, criminalizes technologies that are used to circumvent copyright-protection measures. Although the Act includes a number of exemptions to protect certain types of circumventions, the Administration has used the DMCA to go after suppliers of devices – including modification chips for gaming consoles – that are prohibited under this law.

I understand your concern that certain technologies which are unlawful under the DMCA may have legitimate purposes as well as your opposition to companies who install copyright-protection measures in their products. Upon receiving your e-mail, my office has contacted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to learn more about their enforcement of the Act and the agency's investigation into modification chips. Should the Senate take up legislation addressing the DMCA and the issues you have raised, please be assured that I value having your input and will continue to closely follow this matter.

Again, thank you for contacting my office; I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns. If there are other issues of importance to you, please do not hesitate to get back in touch with me.

Sincerely,



Judd Gregg
U. S. Senator

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