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I make my living developing proprietary IP, so it's not like I am just a consumer expecting a free ride. I feel our field is seriously hurt by the quagmire of software patents that have accumulated and which can be used to stifle innovation.

If you read the Madison Jefferson letters and other such writings you get a pretty clear idea that the current situation was not what was intended by the founding fathers.

Particularly heinous are implementation free patents, aka submarine patents. At the very least, if you won't outright ban software patents, make a requirement that they apply to specific implementations, or at least that there be an implementation.

The intent of patents was not that some lazy nut job could come up with everything someone might want to do someday, with zero effort towards actually doing it, and the sue whoever does actually invent the idea fully.

Cheers,  
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