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Subject: please help promote US creativity/productivity - stop software patents

Dear USPTO,

I understand you are soliciting input from the general public on new patent guidance following Bilski v. Kappos.

I urge you to disallow software patents. Software patents are harmful to software creativity and productivity in the US. Please prevent the patent trolls and harmful litigation that software patents produce.

Software is math, logic and cultural information. We should encourage access to this information and free students, programmers and companies to innovate and build upon the discoveries of their predecessors, who themselves have built on the discoveries of their predecessors. In software development, we are all standing on the shoulders of giants.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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