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Hello Sir or Ma'am:

I just want to quickly share with you the reasons why I am opposed to software patents.

My qualifications include:

- BS in Computer Science,
- MS in Psychology
- PhD in Cognitive Science and Psychology
- Years of work experience as an IT professional

Reasons for opposition:

- 1) Software patents are almost entirely DEFENSIVE in nature. They are only sought to prevent patent trolls from hurting legitimate companies
- 2) Software patents are SLOWING the growth and development of business rather than encouraging it
- 3) Software is not a thing or an invention. It is an IDEA. Most of these ideas are already out there and the only people patenting them are trolls trying to scam legitimate companies
- 4) The overwhelming number of software patent applications is preventing the patent system from working properly for actual patentable inventions.

In general software patents are an awful idea and ending them will drastically improve the competitiveness and efficiency of American businesses.

Sincerely,

-Shai Azoulai