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I am a United States Citizen and have been a software developer for thirty years. I believe that the guidance for acceptance of Patent applications should include a strong prejudice against software patents.

Much software is the formalization of a set of tasks. This should not be patentable just because a computer is doing or helping with the tasks.

Much software is mathematics, which is not patentable.

Software patents can stifle our ability to innovate.

I urge you to set very high barrier to patent of software.

Sincerely,

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