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Dear Sirs/Madams

I am a software professional with two and a half decades of experience. My name is on patent number 6940518. I keep informed on intellectual property issues and case law.

I firmly believe the patent office is ill equipped to keep up with rapidly changing technology. To date, software patents have only served to stifle innovation, and keep lawyers excessively employed. Also, many companies end up playing the same game, acquiring as many patents as possible, to use as offensive or defensive legal bludgeons.

Yours truly,

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