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As the Chief Software Engineer for a small development company in Maine, I can assure you that nothing is more threatening to innovation and progress in our field than software patents. Software patent portfolios amassed by the industry giants [Microsoft, IBM, Oracle, etc.] pose an impenetrable minefield to any small company that is trying to develop software. We need to be in the business of writing code, for the benefit of ourselves and for the greater benefits to society. We should not be in the business of navigating a legal obstacle course just to bring our products and services to market.

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