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Attention USPTO members,
I urge you to take a strong stand against issuing new software patents.

I've worked as a software developer for over a decade and have seen the chilling effect that patents have on progress. This hurts end users and the US economy. The protections and benefits that patents gave to physical inventions are lost in the world of software. Software Patents do more harm than good.

The Supreme Court of the United States has never ruled in favor of the patentability of software. Their decision in *Bilski v. Kappos* further demonstrates that they expect the boundaries of patent eligibility to be drawn more narrowly than they commonly were at the case's outset.

In light of the Supreme Court's findings, it's time to reform USPTO policy.

Thanks for your time,
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