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Hello,

I'm writing you this email to express my belief that software patents are inappropriate. I'll leave it to others to make legal arguments--I'm unqualified to make such--but as a practitioner in the software industry, let me share with you my opinion that software patents as currently administered represent a massive deterrent to innovation.

Let's have a world where we compete on the implementation of our ideas--where it's illegal to steal code, but it is legal to build on each other's ideas.

Thank you.

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