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Director Iancu,

This communication is from an entrepreneur in strong support of the 2019 Revised Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance. The proposed guidance will provide clarity, consistency, and predictability of examination and post issuance review of patents by your agency.

Recent judgments by your agency and the courts have led to mixed interpretations. Innovators make huge investments and sacrifices, yet we lack the confidence from experienced patent attorneys that their inventions' patentability is sustainable.

In cases where a patent has already been issued, there is no certainty as to whether it will be upheld. The new guidelines will provide a logical application of the current law on subject matter eligibility. Adoption of this guidance will mitigate disputes in the courts and the USPTO.

Thank you for yours effort to position the United States as a global leader in innovation. Patent owners, considering their investments and risks taken, deserve a level playing field regardless of the forum reviewing patentability.

Thank you,

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