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Hello, I respectfully request that the PTO cease efforts to circumvent *Alice* . Abstract software patents hobble with legal problems mine and my fellow developers' efforts to solve real world problems. Please consider the below as if I'd written it myself; it states my beliefs more clearly.

Thank you, Howard Goldstein, Sarasota

I urge the USPTO not to adopt the guidance on subject matter eligibility set forth in the Request for Comments, Docket No. PTO-P-2018-0053. Instead, the USPTO should provide guidance that ensures examiners apply the Supreme Court's *Alice v. CLS Bank* decision correctly.

The new guidance expands upon a small number of decisions finding patent claims eligible and ignores the far more numerous decisions in which courts have rejected claims as ineligible for patent protection. It distorts the law and will encourage examiners to grant invalid, abstract patents. Such patents wrongly claim basic ideas, increase litigation costs to no benefit, and harm the public interest.

The USPTO's role is not to narrow Supreme Court holdings, it is to apply them. Please abandon revisions to the Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance.