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Subject: Please reject new guidelines on subject matter eligibility, Docket No. PTO-P-2018-0053
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To whom it may concern...

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.

I would respectfully add that the USPTO's role is not to narrow Supreme Court holdings but to apply them. Please abandon revisions to the Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely...

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