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To Whom it may concern

Software patents are draconian and unnecessary as they are already covered by copyright in many countries including the USA if I am not mistaken. Patenting software only serves to restrict innovation and although we have patents for physical goods I would argue that we are already covered under the copy right protections offered all authors.

Please protect innovation and freedom of information and freedom of thought, not stagnation of design. When I write code the last thing I want is for my clients to try and claim that they own what is my own original work, when all they have paid me for in fact is the solution and my time, not the code I have authored. Its like a reader claiming no one else can read a book purchased at a local book store because they purchased the first copy.

I hope you can see why patenting written works is an overkill and not necessary on top of killing competition and innovation and freedom of thought.

Copyrighting should be enough, IMHO.

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Warm Regards

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