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Hello,

I'm the founder of a growing venture-backed startup. We are relatively free of patent worries, but only because we participate in an open-source group, the Apache Software Foundation, that exists primarily to protect developers from the worst side-effects of patent litigation.

I've never met a software developer who thought software patents were a good idea, and I've met a lot of developers.

It sounds like to have a chance to make a good thing happen now, by ending the software patent minefield. Go for it!

Sincerely,
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