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Dear Mr. Bilski,

I am writing you as a software engineer and mathematician, one who has software patents. It is my belief, both as an inventor and logician that more than 95% of software patents hold no merit, and only stifle innovation and waste valuable resources in their defense. Business logic and process when it comes to software development is almost always trivial and can rarely be accredited to a sole way of problem solving. Further the actual source code and algorithms are opaque in nature, and themselves built on existing and known sub-instructions and algorithms. Thus by pure reason and induction, you cannot accredit any specific algorithms without accrediting the most fundamental and trivial of solutions. Doing this is obviously infeasible.

I strongly encourage you to strike down software patents as a whole. Further the monies required are in extreme favor of large corporations, leaving a heavily imbalanced competition between smaller innovators who are predominately responsible for truly new and novel solutions.

Regards,

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