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Dear USPTO,

I am a US citizen with strong concerns about software patents and feel that Bilski v. Kappos represents an ambiguous position on a dangerously-ambiguous subject. Software patents are an abuse of the patent system, evidenced by their:

- Routine use in the suppression of competition, rather than protection of genuine innovation.
- Frequent issuing long after their implementation.
- Application to a domain that for all intents and purposes lacks material and physical constraints, making them a tool of artificial scarcity.
- Distance from genuine improvements to the human condition, our safety or freedom when compared to revolutionary devices like the light bulb, which significantly improved the safety of indoor illumination.

At a minimum, I suggest that free/libre open source software of any license be exempt from software patents in every regard including their enforceability.

On the broader subject of patents, I suggest that if they are genuinely designed to protect inventors, they not be transferable.

Best regards,

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