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Subject: Please! Stop Software Patents

To all who read this,

I am a very long time computer enthusiast, a programmer, and an american citizen writing to let you know to count me (my voice) when you hear the plea to help stop software patents.

I, as a computer user & a programmer am quite aware that software patents hurt everybody. Allow me to put emphasis on "everybody", because there are very few souls left on the world who are not impacted by a computer in some way or another. Software patents truly hinder the free thinking and free flow of creativity that this country (and world) has been built upon. Software patents are nothing more than an expressway back to the dark ages while all tolls & proceeds will only go to the few individual who will not be bothered by this effect as long as they build monetary wealth. This is not how we advance our society and our civilization, this is how we regress.

I say to you, are you not sick and tired of being 'plagued' by crappy technology? Everybody is, and we (as humans) will always push technology to it's limits, but we (as humans & citizens of the US and World) should do all that we can to be both, helpful and responsible for our technological advances. Doing away with software patents will help in all areas of technology and more as computer software drives and powers today's world. Without patents, developers and users alike will experience many beneficial affects (of no software patents) because the world's technological advancers may be free to do more to help it's human users and benefactors.

Software patents are ridiculous and useless. Patents are suppose to help the world, not hurt it.

I don't really think that I need to go on & on, because I feel that what I have just said should be enough to provoke thought from anybody who cares about more than themselves.

Thank you very much for your time,
Sincerely,
Rob Haag