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I know there are a lot of venture capital investors trying to kill inventors by changing the rules. As someone who has spent SEVEN YEARS and much of his retirement savings trying to launch a business, I'm asking you to please preserve software patents. I know there might be cleaner ways to do it, that's fine. But there is NO REASON that the realm of software should be any different than any other -- inventors need the promise of protection. What could be the logic -- and the manner -- for making a reasonable distinction between software and other areas?

Thank you.

Regards,

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