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Dear US Patent Office,

As a United States citizen, tax payer, and entrepreneur, I urge you to provide guidance that would prevent the creation of more software patents. Software patents are actively hurting the IT industry in the United States. It is a potential time bomb for any company developing a software product. As I'm sure you're intimately aware of the many arguments against software patents, I won't re-iterate them here.

I urge you to issue guidance that discourages the creation of more software patents.

Best regards,  
Gary Tong