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Dear Sir,

I'm a long-time small independent software vendor who has employed up to a dozen employees at a time. I specialize in writing business applications. My fear is that the small business I have been growing over 20 years could disappear overnight due to the expense of defending myself against a patent claim. I may unknowingly write some code today that infringes on someone's patent. If my business achieves modest success and publicity I'm afraid of the patent lawsuits that could arise for software processes that I may be unknowingly using.

About ten years ago I was the victim of a software patent troll who was looking to license their "electronic calendar technology". Apparently since my software displayed a calendar on screen just like numerous other software programs at the time they wanted me to pay them for their patent which covered electronic calendars. They tried to bully me and a bunch of other companies into paying a license fee. It was utterly ridiculous. I was surprised that a patent on an electronic calendar would even exist!

I strongly believe that the US Patent and Trademark office should cease issuing software patents.
Copyright law is more than adequate to protect software intellectual property.

Regards,

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