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To whom it may concern at the US Patent and Trademark Office,

As a programmer and a US citizen from California, I would like to assert that I am aware of the ongoing debate on software patents and would like to go on the record **against broad software patents**. I understand your office is currently open to feedback while your office prepares a response to the USSC case of *Bilski v. Kappos*.

Software patents are a slippery slope and if they are issued broadly, it will negatively impact the consumers. Furthermore, these broad patents run the risk of turning honest citizens like myself into patent infringers for using code which may or may not have originated from the patent holder. All major software systems in use today are built on the work of others. If patents were issued broadly 20 years ago on such works, the effect would have prohibited much of the tech & software growth we have benefited greatly from in that time.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion,

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