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I am writing as a software developer and entrepreneur, a person who could potentially stand to benefit from a patent grant for software I may have already written or will someday write. Despite that, I strongly believe that software patents hurt our industry and directly undermine the purpose of the patent system as I understand it, and I would hope the USPTO would stop issuing them.

Software patents seem to be routinely granted for glaringly obvious ideas, or for ideas that are already well-established. Further, these patents rarely seem to be used to protect an inventor's idea while they develop products and businesses around them; rather, they are used as bartering tools between large companies with large portfolios, or weapons wielded by non-inventor owners who have no interest in developing the technology protected by the patent, but instead hope to reap licensing fees from those who actually are trying to innovate.

I hope you would use the opportunity presented by *Bilski v. Kappos* to draw the boundaries of patent eligibility much more narrowly, to end the issuance of software patents altogether.

Thank you,
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