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Subject: Oppose the validity of software patents.

I wanted to let you know my strong opposition to the allowing of software patents.

There are a lot of reasons to oppose software patents, but the main one that I feel carries the most weight is that software patents in fact impede progress, where the creators of patent law originally put the laws in place to encourage, reward and foster progress.

Today's system of patenting trivial ideas, and methods, has basically put a deep chill on the software development industry, leaving the only people able to safely innovate being limited to a handful of mega corporations that have large portfolios of "defensive patents", and who have entered into across the board "patent swap" agreements.

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Thanks,
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