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Hello,

My name is Ron Garret. I am an entrepreneur, and the holder of six patents. I am writing in regards to the Bilski case to oppose software patents. I appreciate the arguments on both sides, but the situation on the ground is that software patents hurt much more than they help. In today's environment, innovation is happening despite the existence of software patents, not because of them. I myself have abandoned significant market opportunities because I was unwilling to sustain the cost of navigating the software patent minefield. Software patents are a significant drain on the United States economy, one which we cannot afford. I urge you to end them.

Sincerely,  
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