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Subject: Please abolish software patents

Dear USPTO,

I hope you will consider abolishing software patents. The net benefit of software patents as an incentive for creative innovation is far exceeded by the cost of patent trolls and aggregators buying them up and wielding them as weapons to collect licensing fees. Additionally, there are way too many software patents that simply don't pass the obviousness test once you remove all the elaborate legal language and distill them down to their basics.

Our country would be much better off with a system which fosters innovation by ensuring that innovators will not be harassed by legal hit squads who seek only to leverage fear and legal complexity to squeeze fees out of others who are often doing truly creative work.

Thank you,
Rick Ross