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I realize the time for submissions has passed, but I thought I needed to submit my comments anyway.

As a tiny software developer with a home based business, I'm scared of software patents. I write all my own code, from scratch, but am always fearful that someone will have already thought of an idea and have patented it. With the vast amount of software out there and the huge number of patents, there is no way for me to tell, really, unless someone wants to push the issue. If I were ever sued for patent infringement it would very likely ruin me financially.

Please take a strong opposition to software patents. I don't believe any software patents should be permitted and that software should be covered only by copyright law. If someone else copies my code, that's a bad thing. If they write a new version of my program using their own code and ideas, then I should innovate to compete.

Thanks,
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