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Dear Sir,

I would like to express my concern about any system that makes enforceable patents easier to register. The innovation step is already a very low bar in practice. We have seen how patents have damaged innovation in the software industry, and I personally have been involved in an innovative software project that was cancelled due to concerns of undiscoverable patents.

The theory that patents teach is just wrong, at least in software. They instead just create substantial business risk. They are impossible to find in practice, and so obtusely written that nobody would ever write a single line of code if they tried to search all relevant patents.

There is nothing short term about an 8 year patent in the modern world. The 20 term is ridiculously long for other patents.

Yours Sincerely,

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Just because it is possible to push twigs along the ground with ones nose does not necessarily mean that that is the best way to collect firewood.