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I appreciate the administrations efforts in changing the patent system. However, this long wordy response simply tells me you have made little change other than you are trying to speed up the process and perhaps slow the some of the problems.

I want to be clear in that I'm not against patents, including software patents, as a whole. However, I feel the system is long out dated. When our patent system was first brought to life it was to encourage innovators to show the world their innovations with out having to worry about them being stolen.

The problem is, when the patent system was first put into place we lived in a world where innovations took a long time to bring to market and prototyping was a long drawn out process. Today, in the United states, this is no longer the case. Prototyping has never been easier and software is virtually instant. Allowing someone to hold an idea for 20 years, now, will do nothing but slow down innovation and harm us as a nation.

If we do not change our patents to more realistic time lines we are going to find ourselves and our economy quickly left behind. Software should not hold a patent for more then 2-5 years and physical products no more than 10.

I doubt this email will make any kind of dramatic change but hopefully someone on the receiving end will agree and let me know what I can do to support a real change that can help our country stay on top.

Kind regards,  
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