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My name is Elliot Harmon. I am a writer and activist living in San Francisco, CA.

I urge the USPTO not to adopt the subject matter eligibility guidelines set forth in the Request for Comments, Docket No. PTO-P-2018-0053. Instead, the USPTO should provide guidance that ensures examiners apply the Supreme Court's Alice v. CLS Bank decision correctly.

The new guidance ignores the numerous decisions in which courts have rejected claims as ineligible for patent protection, while magnifying a small number of decisions finding patent claims eligible. It was clearly written with the purpose of undermining the Supreme Court's interpretation of the law.

The new guidance will result in more invalid, abstract patents. Such patents do nothing to serve the public interest. In the hands of bad actors, they are a powerful weapon to attack practicing businesses.

Please abandon revisions to the Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance.

Thank you,  
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