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Subject: Some Input for your Planned Changes to NZ Patent Law

Dear Commerce Minister Foss,

Today I read your Supplementary Order Paper Patent Bill and thought you and your associates would be interested in some of my recent articles. While my Wright Brother's example below is different than your washing machine example, they both make the following point....You should get a patent on a true invention and the fact that a computer program is involved should not disqualify the invention from patent protection.

I was the recipient of the first software patent in 1968 and have written extensively in the United States on software patents. I was a founder and President of [Applied Data Research](#) (ADR), the first company to market a software product in 1965.

Below are some of my recent articles that explain why it makes no logical sense to ban so-called software patents. In particular, my recent April 4th Patently-O article "[Do the Wright Brothers Deserve a Patent for their Flying Machine?: Why Eliminating Software Inventions from the Patent System Makes No Sense.](#)" gives two concrete examples that you should find of interest.

Please pass on this E-mail and articles to appropriate lawyers and others.

Sincerely,

[Martin Goetz](#)

Patently-0 April 2013 [Do the Wright Brothers Deserve a Patent for their Flying Machine?: Why Eliminating Software Inventions from the Patent System Makes No Sense.](#)

Forbes.com March 2013 [Misconceptions About Software Patents](#)

PBS Inventors Video Series and The Guardian January 2013 [First Software Patent](#)

Patently-0 August 2012 ["No" to Software Patents Per Se: Software is Only a Means to an End.](#)

ZDNet.uk December 2011 [Pioneer Goetz rebuts software patent critics](#)

ZDNet.uk October 2011 2011 [Should software be patentable? That's the wrong question to ask](#)

Patently-0 September 2010 ["In Defense of Software Patents - Part 2"](#)

Patently-0 Nov 2009 [In Defense of Software Patents"](#)