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>To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, March 21, 2000

I am personally supportive of the opinions of Steven E. Scherer, Ph.D. The human nucleotide sequence cannot be owned by any individual or company. It is fundamental to every individual on this planet, and the core of human genetic knowledge cannot be considered for ownership. This information should be available to all, without a price tag. What should be patented are the technological research advancements that will arise from this genomic knowledge-that is what defines true science at its purest.

Sincerely,

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