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Subject: Patenting Human DNA

Good Morning,

It was brought to me attention that you were taking public comments concerning patent guidelines. First, I would not know the legal jargon for the right approach for this but I do have beliefs and concerns. If we patent every cell.. every protein, every combination of molecules. Then why can't I patent myself....for I am unique combination of cells creating a function , a purpose in this world. But this can happen if we allow companies and others gain access to just a few combination of proteins. We are concern about clone... well how about our safety as individual to exist. I understand patent as being an invention or a some new discovery. But we are not invention nor are we new discovery . I might have gotten off the beaten path but it is in the big picture what will become of the few cells that everyone has or the one who has a unique combination. We are not the creator of these cells, molecules that occupy our body. I really don't know how to say it or how it could be written the fact that medicine, gene therapy, and other technology concern cells should be public.

I don't want to take up any more of you time so thank you for listen.

Sincerely,

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