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As a small entrepreneur, my first step is to search the patent database. I have not pursued multiple business ideas because of similar vague patents. Recently I wanted to add light sterilizing LEDs to microwave ovens, so I could cook and/or sterilize products. Nope, some person in China who never made the product is sitting on a patent. Perhaps one should be required to produce a product in order to hold the patent. Patents are more like weapons now, used to block competition/innovation.

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