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TO THE COMMENTS
OF RELPROMAX ANTITRUST INC.

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Sirs:

Following the recent Court of Appeals decision, we are pleased that all sides in the Microsoft antitrust litigation have begun settlement discussions. Today we write to encourage these discussions with the hope that a settlement can be reached at the earliest possible date and on reasonable terms that support competition and innovation.

Antitrust enforcement should be about protecting the American consumer, not deciding winners and losers among wealthy competitors. Now is the time for all parties to the litigation to address the remaining issues and provide some finality that protects consumers and allows the American high-tech industry to innovate and prosper. This industry offers extraordinary promise to deliver exciting new technologies to the American consumer and the global marketplace, and the resolution of this protracted litigation will greatly serve to further that goal.

While not expressing a view on the merits, we respectfully urge all parties to reach a just and speedy conclusion to this case.

Best regards,

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