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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Settlement

Good morning,

I'll make my comments brief.

I have read the consent decree as you published in detail. I am a Software Engineer who benefits from Microsoft products. With that in mind let me say that this settlement proposal is a win for Microsoft and a loss for consumers and the tech industry. This will in no way restrain Microsoft's business practices and will only continue to harm other software firms. There have been many good companies in the past decade which no longer exist specifically because of Microsoft's business practices. This settlement will in no way prevent the same practices from destroying existing and future software companies, and it may in fact contribute to a depressed tech economy for some time to come.

By agreeing to this settlement the Department of Justice has done nothing more than throw away all the money and time spent on this lawsuit over the past four years. This was our tax money that was spent on this lawsuit. As a citizen I expected more for my money. I am very disappointed with the proposed settlement.

I am unable to reach a conclusion as to why the DOJ would make such a weak settlement in light of the evidence and rulings against Microsoft.

I plan to share my thoughts with my state attorney general, as well as my senators and congressman.

I sincerely hope that you reconsider your actions in this case.

Sincerely,
Ellis M. Zsoldos Jr.

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