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I am writing to you in regards to the recent agreement made between Microsoft and the DOJ. I am appalled at the DOJ letting Microsoft off without any regard to the main issue at hand. As a technology professional I feel compelled to voice my displeasure, and point out the inadequateness of the remedies put forth. Microsoft has blatantly and illegally used its operating system monopoly to push competitor's out of the market. This is no longer a question, they have been found guilty on this count. They illegally forced Netscape out of the browser market and now they are seeking to do the same exact thing with Windows XP. Windows XP has both instant messaging software as well as photography software bundled into the operating system, which completely shows Microsoft's respect for the federal government and the DOJ in particular. I am wondering at this point if in 5 years Microsoft will be able to bundle a Ham Sandwich and tires for my car into the operating system that I will be forced to buy.

This illegal leveraging of the Windows OS is the core issue at hand and has not been addressed at all in the agreement Microsoft has reached with DOJ. Microsoft's ability to bundle whatever it wants into its operating system needs to be stripped. Any settlement reached with Microsoft MUST touch on this core issue. They must not be allowed to continue bundling whatever they want into their operating system. Please take the opinions of people who understand this technology into account. Thanks for your time.

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