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As a citizen and consumer, I cannot understand how the DOJ has allowed itself to be worn down to a nub by the Microsoft monopoly. No one disputes the facts of the case: Microsoft has attained and is abusing its monopoly status in computer operating systems and several major genres of software (word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, web browser, etc.).

Now they seek to leverage this power to conquer other markets such as media, e-commerce and a host of other areas.

Consumers in these monopolized markets now pay significantly more than they otherwise would and get shoddier and shoddier goods and services in return. This is how monopolies have always behaved, behave now and will forever behave. That's why we have anti-trust laws and the means to enforce them.

The only remedies that will work and be acceptable in the long run by consumers are remedies that convert Microsoft from a monopoly to something else.

We need and have every right to expect your protection. Please reconsider just slapping Microsoft on the wrist and do the right thing -- remove their monopoly power.

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