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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: A monopolist should be punished.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The DOJ had previously found Microsoft to be a monopolist, but the settlement included no punishment for past actions. Isn't that a bit weird? It left doubt as to its protections against future Microsoft monopolistic practices.

To make things even worse, not long after the DOJ settlement, Microsoft announced it had agreed to another settlement regarding a separate class-action suit brought against the company by numerous parties that alleged overpricing of Microsoft products. On the surface, the settlement forces Microsoft to donate software, hardware, and services to America's poorest schools. However the settlement could simply introduce Microsoft to a market where they could further extend their monopoly.

I am writing to support a counter-proposal that Red Hat Inc. brought forward. In its counter-proposal, Red Hat offered to provide free software to every school in America if Microsoft provided the value of its donation in hardware costs rather than its own software.

Please consider this proposal seriously, for the sake of the welfare of American schools and children.

Best Regards,
-- Haifeng

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