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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft settlement

To whom it may concern,
I am shocked by the recent news regarding the Microsoft settlement. Instead of punishing Microsoft for their monopoly strategy you are giving them a green light to basically kick Apple Computer out of the education market by donating an astronomical amount of money in Microsoft products to this industry, thus giving Microsoft a go ahead to continue to do business as usual. I1m sorry but this goes beyond my comprehension. You are playing Microsoft1s cards by making them an offer like this.
To my humble opinion they should be punished not by putting more of their product into the market, especially such a sensitive market like education, but by giving them a punishment that1s appropriate. If you want Microsoft to donate zillions of dollars, let them do that to a neutral institution like food for 3rd world countries or something in that order.
What impression do you give Microsoft (and others like them) here? If you monopolize the market by unfair means of business we will reward you by allowing you to do more business and even kill some competition on the way?!
By putting more Microsoft products out there you are giving companies like Apple Computer absolutely no chance what so ever to sell their product in the education industry, hence they start to monopolize that industry as well.
A concerned Dutch citizen.
With kind regards,
Thomas Bosboom