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To Whom It May Concern ...

I vehemently oppose the proposed settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. The proposed settlement does little to rectify the antitrust issues brought before the court, and, in fact, rewards Microsoft for causing serious damage to its' competitors and to those using computers. Microsoft has shown that it will disregard any type of constraint placed on it by the court, there is no mechanism in place to oversee and enforce a change in behavior by Microsoft (the three man council proposed in the settlement has no power to change Microsoft's business practices), the limitations do not address the antitrust behavior exhibited by Microsoft in the past. The Department of Justice at one time, it was reported, was ready to ask for the break up of Microsoft, this settlement is a dream escape for Microsoft - the DOJ should be ashamed to even make this proposal to the courts.

If this settlement is accepted, there will be serious damage done to the American public. If the DOJ was willing to bring this suit before the court, it should have been prepared to go the distance. IBM exhibited far less antitrust activity when brought before the court, yet paid far more serious penalties. Microsoft should pay dearly for what they have done, as an illegal monopoly tying products together, manipulating hidden interfaces to disable competitors products, taken advantage of hidden interfaces to make their own products run better. There needs to be a far different settlement, or this case needs to run the distance and Microsoft needs to have serious constraints placed on them or be broken in to multiple businesses.

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