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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Settlement

Dear sir or madam,

I think the microsoft settlements seem to be nothing more than a slap on the wrist, if even that. I cannot believe that this latest settlement is giving them a way to extend their monopoly further, into schools. This is absolutely absurd. Furthermore, it allows them to claim they are giving hundreds of millions of dollars away, when in reality software has almost zero marginal cost so it costs them next to nothing to give away software.

I am really tired of the aggressive tactics that microsoft uses. I am sick of them leveraging their products to extend their monopoly further. It is unfair, and it stifles competition. I am not a competitor of microsoft, just a user who is sick of having products I don't want rammed down my throat, only because I need to run Windows to survive and be compatible with everyone else. I thought the DOJ was going to do something about this, and I am disgusted about how they now have dropped the ball on the case that they first had appeared to have won.

Thank you,

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