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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I would like to submit a comment about the proposed settlement between the Federal Government and Microsoft. In accordance with the Tuney Act, I request that the following comments, and any responses received, be published in the Federal Register and filed with the court.

1. I do not believe that this settlement goes far enough to penalize Microsoft for the crimes it has committed. Microsoft is an illegal monopoly, this is a ruling by the courts of our great country.

2. As a member of the free software community, I would like to make it known that the verbage contained in the proposed settlement, like Section III(J)(2), could possibly eliminate many free software projects. The verbage used is to Microsoft's advantage, they will manipulate their ability to arbitrarily certify the authenticity and viability of a business to crush us (the free software community) like they have illegally crushed other competitors.

These are two of the largest problems I have with the proposed settlement. Let their be no doubt, if this settlement is approved, consumers will not benefit in the long-run, they will be subjected to an even more intense monopoly.

Sincerely,

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