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I wish to exercise my rights under the Tunney Act to comment on the proposed Microsoft Settlement.

I am particularly concerned about the proposed settlement's effect on much of the software that I use, software produced by non-commercial entities. Many people agree that it is free and open-source software that is Microsoft's greatest competition and thus should be considered in the settlement.

Section III(J)(2) of the settlement contains strong language stating that Microsoft is not required to describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business.

Section III(D) again prescribes certain rights to Microsoft competitors yet these rights apply only to commercial entities.

I would like to see a settlement that opens the file formats of Microsoft's dominant applications so that other applications on other platforms can read and write to them.

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