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To whom it may concern,

In the most recent column by PBS Technology columnist Robert Cringely, it has come to my attention that the anti-trust settlement between Microsoft and the US Government is totally skewed to the side of Microsoft and commercial computer companies.  
<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20011206.html>

Specifically, I am talking about Section III(J)(2), in which Microsoft gets to decide which companies constitute a business as to whether or not they are required to release connectivity information concerning their products. Because of this power, they can effectively leave out Open Source Software projects, their biggest competitor, because they don't fit the description of a business.

This sort of language is not only irresponsible of the part of the DOJ, but it in effect lets Microsoft shut out their biggest competitor, Open Source Software. The result being that this settlement will not only not punish Microsoft, but allow Microsoft to shut out yet another competitor, thereby strengthening the monopoly that they have already been found guilty of. Please don't let this sort of behavior continue.

Sincerely,  
Lee McLain