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To whom it may concern:

I find it extremely disturbing that a company so deceptive and manipulative as Microsoft that is now a convicted monopolist could have such a small, underwhelming, unpunishing final sentence. It is obvious to me and so many others that a company with so much financial power could easily take advantage of their position even further and destroy their only competitor at this point in the game which is a small group of not for profit organizations that work for free and give away their software for free. The realm of software has changed. The computer industry is no longer about software, it is about power and control of information. Can you not see how Microsoft and AOL have already figured that out. MSNBC, AOL Time Warner... get it? These companies don't make the best most stable software, they are marketing geniuses with a large control of information. Here is an example of the power Microsoft has. Microsoft, with a snap of it's fingers could make it so only their internet browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer, can view one of the largest internet portals in existence, msn.com. Completely crippling Netscape and the Mozilla group (www.mozilla.org) in one fell swoop. Do you think that is so far off? Guess what, they already did that just to see what would happen. (<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-7655334.html>)

This is scary stuff that still this late in the game has not been stopped in the least bit by the government. In fact, while this case was going on, Windows XP which takes what they were guilty of even further was just finishing development. Now it's out with no limitations by the government.

As one "punishment", Microsoft must donate \$1 Billion to poor school systems around the country. In reality what they must donate is not even close to \$1 Billion. A great deal of the money is just software licenses for their own software!!!! They don't have to do anything but make CDs that costs them less than a couple pennies to create. The rest is in hardware cost that is nothing to them. The biggest problem I have with this ruling is that it is a punishment that only futhers a monopolists monopoly! Its tantamount to saying:

"Microsoft, You are guilty of using your large marketshare as an unfair advantage in destroying the competition. You have taken away the consumer's choice. Now you must put more of your software in schools and leave the schools no choice. You must have an unfair advantage in the education industry against Apple, your main competitor in that realm. Bad Microsoft, you should be ashamed of yourself. If this happens again, You better believe we're going to force you to put your computers and software in more schools and more government organizations!" Wow, thats scary. I bet this will keep them from taking advantage of the consumer!

Don't let Microsoft get away so easily with the crimes they have already been proven guilty of !!

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