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Dear Sirs,

I hope that measures are not taken to stop the innovation process at Microsoft because we will all lose with that approach. We are all right now free to choose what programs and operating systems we wish to use. We can judge for ourselves which is better. The public is paying less each year for Microsoft products as they are keeping the prices down. The public is not suffering from Microsoft practices as we are from cable TV and phone companies where we have no choice. We are bombarded by unsolicited calls over the phone by computer generated and unknown caller calls with no numbers to call back and let them know we are either interested or not interested in their products. This is totally unfair and we are paying for the phone service, not them.

I would not be surprised if Microsoft's generosity all over the world out does not surpass the Government's. Millions of people trust Microsoft with their retirement survival. Can we trust the government with our Social Security?

Please do not stop competition and the free market for Microsoft when the people do have choices.

Thank you,

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