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Subject: Opposition to microsoft antitrust settlement

Mr/Mrs Renata Hesse,

I would like to voice my opposition to the microsoft settlement. I feel that if the courts have found microsoft to be in violation of the antitrust laws, then they should pay a stiff penalty for breaking that law. I also feel that any resolution that does not allow for stiff penalty will show americans that if you break the law, the only punishment you will get is a penalty, that will allow you to continue your monopoly. When AT@T and IBM were found to be monopolies, they were broken up and had to pay a stiff penalty for breaking this law.

Microsoft is a monopoly that has hurt competition in many areas. If they have a product that can withstand the pressures of competition, then they will show this by the sales of their products. I a consumer, do not like the fact that if I buy a system and don't want microsoft on it, I still have to pay the price as if it was present on the system. Resellers, manufacturers, still have to pay microsoft and that cost is push on to customers like myself.

Also according to reports that microsoft may have to put system's into poorer schools would further it's monopoly, this is a very bad decision and I for one, would not be happy about it. Also I feel that microsoft should as part of their punishment, have to purchase systems with other OS's and put them for free into the poorer school districts. This would be a fair solution. And have to pay the government back all that it spent to prosecute them for their crime, and break up the company

Did you know that if microsoft continues it's monopoly, that it will control most of the data on every server, and that microsoft can at it's decretion, do whatever it feels necessary with that data. Would you be confortable in knowing that all your personal data belongs to microsoft and that you may have to pay large amounts to retrieve this data, and also that the servers it sits on, because of the Microsoft OS is not secure allowing terrorist and any hacker to obtain this information. Would the Government like to know that it's top secret information is controlled by microsoft and that anyone may have access to that information. If you feel comfortable with knowing that a corporate company has control over all data on the internet and private networks, and can do with it what it wants, then you are sadly mistaken. What are we showing our children about the law, when a company that has committed a crime, is let off with a slap on the wrist and has successfully controlled the U.S. Government and let them know that they cannot do anything with microsoft because it rules this country and not our Government.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to read this, I hope that by voicing my opinion it will not fall on deaf ears.

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May GOD Bless america!.