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Greetings,

My name is Michael Schultz, and I am an IT Professional working for Pfizer. After reading about the settlement, I was disappointed in the results.

Microsoft has been using their heavy handed practices for years to gain an edge on the competition. However, they have also been an incredible boon to the digital community by bringing the computer to households much as TVs in the past. Their bad practices need to be curtailed, so other companies can compete, but you don't want to cut the legs out from under a company that has done so much in this field.

The settlement as I would have it:

1. MS must stop their heavy-handed practices against competitors. (If you can't beat em, buy em attitude, and forcing PC manufacturers to do ANYTHING other than install the OS)
2. MS can continue to offer their "all-in-one" package for their OS, but they must also offer a "Lite" version for those who want the OS, but not be forced to use anything else.
3. The losers from MS actions are the people. Because of this, I recommend that all fines against Microsoft go towards a commission to provide learning materials and computers to public schools.

I know it seems like a very simple solution, but it's all that we have been asking for. Stop MS from forcing things down our throat. Allow the competition room to enter the market...as competition makes BOTH parties better. And finally, fine MS enough for them to take notice, but not enough to injure the companies growth...putting this money toward something beneficial to the people.

Heck, I'd have this whole thing over in a day!

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