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This country has been blessed with freedom and the strength to empower its people with it. Freedom is independence, liberty and the exemption from the power and control of another. Microsoft takes away freedom from this country as well as from the entire world. By allowing Microsoft to complete its stated goals to provide the only de facto Operating System, Office suite, and internet tools for the entire world we are giving away our rights as free people.

Today's way of living has changed dramatically and more people depend on computers to communicate, buy, find jobs, plan daily activities, organize, travel and search for information like a library. A great deal of control will be placed on one company (Microsoft) to secure our very freedom without selfishly using this to empower themselves into the biggest entity that the world has ever known. I personally don't believe that such power should be given to Microsoft and that the best way is for this government to stop all monopolistic goals and activities generated by Microsoft.

Microsoft products are by nature insecure and they are in constant threat of being hacked or cracked. Their product is not secure because they implement insecure features like portal, hailstorm, IIS, Outlook, vb scripting, remote appliance control through the web, MS Java machine and the macro features in their Office Suite. Microsoft's goal is not to secure its Operating System but to make sure its users find it easier to use. This by nature makes the Operating System even more hacker and cracker friendly. Our nation and other countries will need to have choices. Our citizens should also be aware and have the freedom to choose from different applications without the propriety licenses of file format to hinder one application from communicating to another.

I strongly believe that if Microsoft would be permitted to continue its journey of monopolizing the software industry, the entire world would lose its freedom. The only recourse as a free nation is to make sure that the proprietary formats and protocols of Microsoft is made public and can be used by new and older companies to build competing products.

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