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As a concerned citizen, I was very much upset with the manner in which Microsoft was "dragged" down by the prosecutions of the Clinton Administration and his appointed members of the Justice Department. If one reviews the history of our financial markets, there is a direct correlation between the Federal findings of March, 2000 and the subsequent declines of our publicly held corporations, with special attention to those in the high tech sector. Microsoft, though some of its actions may be interpreted as unfair, also must be viewed as a true innovator, willing and able to make the tremendous investment necessary to radically economize the manners in which we transact business or communicate with each other. Sunn, Oracle and others may cry "wolf, wolf, wolf ...," but there is no small amount of envy mixed in with such cries, as they vie for position in a competitive marketplace.

So enough -- let's put this matter behind us, let's get on with rebuilding our economy, get on with innovation and move forward in the grandest way possible. If some states wish not to be a part of the proposed settlement, then let that be their fate, stewing about old business as the rest of us venture forth.

Sincerely,

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