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Dear Sirs,

Enough with these continuing litigation talks! I cannot see how this helps the American consumer at all. Microsoft has been chastened, and I assume there are now "firewalls" in place to prevent abuse in the future.

We tout a free enterprise system in this country, so long as certain 'special interests' are not offended, and so long as one innovator does not become too successful. Tell me, how does the innovator stop him/herself from innovating? That is what built and continues to build our country.

I believe that Microsoft like them or not, has been more a benefit to the consumer than a hinderance. In our system, if there were a better, more efficient product available, people would flock to it. So, now that Microsoft has been exposed (as the greatest innovator) and slowed down, where are all these other great products from the competitors, which are going to better all of our lives?

Continuing litigation smacks of a few more hangers on (states) attempting to draw freely from an entity they had nothing to do with creating, and most certainly have benefited from on an ongoing basis (taxes on many Microsoft sales for example).

The settlement is tough and fair! Let's all get on with our lives. I for one hope that Microsoft continues to find the incentive to innovate.

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