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I feel the current settlement will not go far enough. There needs to be made a level playing field where other Operating Systems will get a fair chance at being preloaded on PCs from the OEMs. I worked for Zenith Data Systems from 1989 to 1996 when they shut the plant down. I saw Microsoft Products being installed on almost every PC going through the factory. I was told that even WHEN we installed another OS such as Novell on servers, that Zenith was having to pay Microsoft a fee based on the number of PCs sold with or WITHOUT Microsoft software on them!! What BS! Now here is a good chance to make Microsoft and the OEMs out there for that matter, allow PCs to be preloaded with BeOS (perhaps from Palm Inc or BeUnited's group), Linux, Novell, or one of the many others who could step up. Gobe has released an office suite which is very comparable to Microsoft's Office product, but I fear that it won't get a chance due to Microsoft power to control the OEMs and the PC world in general. Please do something to change all this.

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