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Sirs:

Please review the findings of fact from this case and I believe therefor that the proposed Microsoft Antitrust Settlement as reported in the media is inadequate!

Microsoft has clearly behaved in a anti-consume and predatory manner.

Microsoft has inhibited innovative competition by intimidation and acquisition.

Microsoft has a poor historical record on the use of personal information in violation of its own published privacy policies.

Microsoft has, by its predatory practices, discouraged investment capital in tech industry.

Microsoft has, by its restrictive oem licensing practices, has intimidated the oems from offering non-Microsoft products preinstalled on new computers.

Microsoft has a clear history of co-oping open standards into their proprietary standards. Such as instant messaging, JAVA, XML, etc. I am sure that there are many more examples, but as a layman and not a computer expert, these are the ones that I am aware of.

Microsoft has decreased entrepreneurs in tech industry because of their ruthless suppression of competing technologies or businesses that they perceive as a threat.

Microsoft has used subterfuge in the guise of technical hype instead of real unbiased technical merit to attack alternative products.

Microsoft has so restricted access to their software details as to make it extremely difficult for non-Microsoft products to interact correctly with Microsoft products. As an example of this, they often change the file format of their programs so that third party products can not read data files of these newer versions, thus compelling consumers to buy more Microsoft's software instead of alternates.

The Microsoft offer to supply products to schools further expands their monopoly in the marketplace. It would be more in the spirit of antitrust to give these schools the cash to spend on the products of their chose without the interference of Microsoft!

Microsoft has not complied with the word and spirit of earlier settlements and this should therefor demand the most strict controls in this settlement to enforce compliance!

Respectfully,
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