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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I support the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department. This agreement will be good for the public by allowing Microsoft to focus on more innovation and new software development.

Although I did not agree with the commencement of this suit in the first place, I agree with Microsoft that it is time to move forward. One is that Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. This will allow computer makers to replace access to various features of Windows with access to non-Microsoft software such as programs from AOL Time Warner or RealNetworks.

As the Director of Technology for a small business in Massachusetts, I understand the importance of Microsoft's products for our economy. The company has done much to standardize development in this country and improve worker productivity. I trust your strong leadership for this settlement will continue.

With highest regards,

Robert Paquette

cc: Representative Barney Frank