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Attached please find a letter for Attorney General John Ashcroft.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I'm writing to express my opinion that the antitrust case against Microsoft has been flawed from the start. Microsoft has not infringed upon any rights of American people and has just operated within the confines by which we set up our free market economy. I have yet to hear complaints from consumers about Microsoft's prices or practices. In fact I feel that their prices permitted me to have a PC at home with software that I could afford and most people I know feel the same way. It seems the only complaints are from their competitors because they can't keep up.

Under the terms of the settlement Microsoft will be forced to not enter into any third party agreements for exclusive distribution rights. That is ridiculous. This is the same as telling Pepsi they cannot sign an exclusive agreement with Wendy's. Also, creating a uniform price list with the 20 largest computer makers is essentially setting up the framework for a monopoly. In fact many of the concessions create situations that do violate antitrust laws instead of appeasing them.

It's in the best interest of the American public to end this litigation now. Microsoft is a leading innovator of technology and we need their growth and leadership to lift the IT sector out of its current state. Microsoft has done what other competitors could not do, but now it's time to let them play it out in a free market, which is what our society, is based upon, not the government intervention that has occurred in this case. I urge your office to make the settlement a reality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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