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Subject: Microsoft: Extending Monopoly into the Mobile Internet

To the Honorable Judge Kollar-Kutally-

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the recent deal between the DOJ and Microsoft. As an executive in Silicon Valley in the mobile internet/data space, I am concerned that the recent decision will allow Microsoft to propagate their unfair, anti-competitive and ruthless business monopoly into the mobile data arena - which many are trumpeting as the second coming of the internet. This deal could allow Microsoft to expand its monopoly into the next frontier of mobile data. Allowing this shadow to be cast over the mobile data arena will deprive many start-ups who are the seedbed of innovation of the hope and potential future success that drives them to take the risk in the first place.

Please carefully review the facts and ensure that the framework that gave rise to innovative business practices and thus Silicon Valley as the engine behind the US economy is preserved.

thanks,
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