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Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,
I am a 20 year software executive who has had the opportunity to both partner with Microsoft and compete against Microsoft during my career. As such, I have spent time in Redmond, WA and gotten to know firsthand both the culture, and Machiavellian management philosophy that has been a legacy at Microsoft.
In recent days, I have come to know through an ex-colleague some of the details relating to the Proposed Settlement made by the Justice Department with Microsoft, and to say the least, I am displeased by them. This is why I am writing to you today.
Your Honor, how could the Justice Department grant Microsoft a government-mandated monopoly of the software industry and even worse - other technology markets? Clearly, this decision would seriously jeopardize all competitors - both now and in the future. This decision would clearly violate some basic principals of Capitalism, such as our right to choose, our right to fair competition, fair pricing, etc.
In closing, your Honor, I submit to you that like never before in our Country's history, Microsoft has unequivocally shown itself to be the proverbial 800 pound gorilla. Their illegal conduct and activities (bribing & threatening partners and competitors) have been proven time and time again. I would like to see Microsoft be brought to justice for the good of our country, our economy, and most of all- the good of our people. I like millions of other Americans are counting on you, and counting on justice to prevail.
Respectfully,
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