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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Thank you for your efforts to settle the Microsoft antitrust case. This case was not brought because it had merit, but as a result of jealousy on the part of Microsoft's competitors. I am in support of the case being resolved as soon as possible.

As a result of this suit, Microsoft has agreed to a variety of changes in its business practices. These changes will put to rest any complaints by Microsoft's competitors that they are engaging in anticompetitive behavior. Microsoft has agreed to share the fruits of its labor with its competitors. They will disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. They have agreed to make it easier for computer companies to add non-Microsoft software to their computers, too. These steps will give Microsoft's competitors a giant boost in their ability to compete with Microsoft. The settlement agreement provides more than adequate protection against violation of the antitrust laws. Nothing more should be required of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

Harold McClarnon