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Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

I am a student at Boston College, and I am upset about the recent settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft (PFJ).

First, the PFJ does nothing to stop Microsoft from operating as a monopoly through the use of its operating system. Second, the settlement does not punish Microsoft for clearly violating anti-trust laws in the past. It would be a terrible standard to set by letting Microsoft get away with its retaliation tactics, bolting schemes, and attacks on Java. All these tactics lower competition in a suppossedly free market and also limit softward standards. Finally, the PFJ does not provide an effective enforcement mechanism for the weak restrictions it does implement.

To sum up, I'm deeply concerned the recent settlement does not regulate Microsoft enough in the future allowing Microsoft to continue its monopolistic tactics. In addition, Microsoft is not even being punished for laws it clearly broke in the past. This sets a terrible standard. I would request that you do your best to overturn this settlement.

Sincerely,
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