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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Attached is my letter on behalf of the Microsoft settlement. Please include it as part of the official record.

Thanks.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft and the Justice Department have spent three years in court and a tremendous amount of resources on the antitrust case. I was pleased to learn that a settlement was reached and that this case may soon come to a conclusion. If this case is ended both sides will be able to return to more important priorities.

Microsoft has agreed under this settlement to major concessions and changes. Under this agreement Microsoft will share their internal interfaces with competitors, which is an unprecedented release of information by a software firm to competitors. Microsoft also has agreed to end any contractual restrictions that would possibly harm competitors. With these provisions in the settlement there is no reason to continue this case, as some special interests would like.

Please end this case and the wasteful flow of resources to fight it by the Justice Department and Microsoft.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Holms