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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge a settlement in this endlessly dragged-out litigation against Microsoft.

Right from the beginning, I was appalled by the U.S. government interfering with--and penalizing--one of the few remaining successful business (and superior products) still extant in the U.S.

I am a writer-editor--proud graduate of Brown University, proud former resident of Washington, D.C. --and I have lived long enough to remember pride in American products. However, if that sentiment were not enough, I have ALSO lived long enough to have tried MANY early software products, many word processors, many programs. The ones that could not measure up died on the vine along the way.

My particular success story with Microsoft is that I had to return to a 5,000-page, 5-volume history that I had edited fifteen years earlier for a client on a Microsoft WORD-DOS-based program. The hardware had long been deceased and I was left with the discs. This translated perfectly and easily into a WORD 2000 for Macintosh, about as foreign an exchange as you can get. I find that Microsoft is on top because IT HAS THE BEST PRODUCT. I thought this was what America was about.

Now I live in the Pacific Northwest. Seattle does not need another economic blow (think Boeing), nor does the U.S. (I personally think the stock market bubble that broke in March, 2000 was pricked mightily by the U.S. government going after a good business model--Microsoft.)

I support Microsoft because it makes the best products. It is run by a man who would probably be hacking around with computers even if HE had to pay YOU to do it. His success came from excellence, not slippery business practices.

Sincerely, Gail Fox, Bellingham, Washington