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I do now and always have felt that the DOJ?s and various state attorneys suits against Microsoft Corp. are the result of the prejudiced views of elected officials from states where Microsoft?s competition reside. This constitutes what I and everyone I speak to considers an injustice perpetrated against Microsoft Corp. As you know millions of our tax dollars have already been wasted in an attempt to wrongfully punish this company. I like most Americans who used P.C?s. before the advent of Windows hold Microsoft in the highest regard. I am proud of it?s performance in dominating it?s field because in doing so it took us out of the realm of cryptic DOS code and into the future of computing. Lets face it, the driving force behind any great advancement has always been profit. By punishing Microsoft for doing exactly what any other large corporation or small businessman would do in it?s place sends a bad signal to those of us who have the nerve to gamble in the high stakes world of business. By the way what would the trade deficit have been last quarter if Microsoft did not sell software worldwide?

Please stop this nonsense and accept this settlement that is already much larger then the so-called (but in my mind fabricated) harm done to the ?public? Let this great American company thrive and grow.

Thank you for considering my position.

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