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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This is to give my support to the agreement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. This agreement was reached after three long years of court battles, costing both sides time and money. It is time to put this issue to rest.

Microsoft has agreed to any number of demands from the Department of Justice. Microsoft has agreed to help companies achieve a broader degree of compatibility with regard to their networking software; Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows with a mechanism to make it easier for computer makers to promote non-Microsoft software. Microsoft has even agreed to a technical committee to monitor future compliance.

Please support the antitrust settlement.

Sincerely,  
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Kenneth Potter