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Dept. of Justice -

I cannot believe that this case has progressed to this point. Why does the US Government attempt to take down one of the most successful corporations in the world when daily the competitive market requires that Microsoft continue to innovate? If Microsoft is required to breakup or even to open up their operating system to others, consumers worldwide will be harmed because the defacto world standard of communications will be harmed. Look at what we are capable of doing today. This message is coming via email. In the early 1990's your only means of conducting email was Compuserve and AOL. Today, you can still send your email via Compuserve or AOL, and you can utilize about 100 different means to send your email as well (including Microsoft's products). Microsoft didn't harm this process (or takeover this process). It facilitated it through a common platform for computers to communicate. That common platform could have been (and is today) Unix just as easily as it was MS-DOS/Windows.

This case needs to be settled, and settled immediately. It is not good for our high-tech economy to have this circus continue any longer. Pressure needs to be brought to the remaining states that have not decided to participate in the settlement.

Please do the right thing for our economy, and our competitiveness in this new worldwide economy - SETTLE IT NOW!

Thank you for your attention to my opinion.

Sincerely,

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