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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to use a moment of my time to convey my support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last year. I definitely believe this agreement is in the public interest and no further action is needed at the federal level.

A brief review of the terms shows that Microsoft has agreed to many concessions that will require significant changes. One example regarding intellectual property rights illustrates this point. Microsoft has agreed that if a third party's exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe any Microsoft intellectual property right, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. And to assure compliance with this and other provisions, a technical committee will monitor Microsoft.

Finally, this settlement will allow the federal government to focus on more urgent matters than continuing this unneeded litigation. This includes helping to stimulate the economy and health care issues.

Sincerely,

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