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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is intended to express my concern regarding the continued delay in the settlement of the Microsoft case. This matter has been the object of years of litigation, constant controversy and continuous delay. All the while, one of the nation's most dynamic corporations has been hamstrung in a manner detrimental to the whole IT industry and our national economy. It's time to end this controversy and get Microsoft back to work.

The proposed settlement will satisfy the concerns of the government and remedy the grievances of Microsoft's competitors. The company will be constrained to open up its Windows systems to non-Microsoft software and computer manufacturers. There will be a Washington appointed oversight committee to monitor the company's compliance. In short the fears of Microsoft's competitors are no longer justified.

This case is now no more than a political football, and treating it as such is detrimental to this country and our economy. Please finalize this settlement.

Sincerely,

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