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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add some comments about the Proposed Settlement for the Microsoft Antitrust case. I do not believe that the Proposed Settlement will not effect many changes in its current state.

One area where a more fulfilling settlment could be made is in the area of Windows APIs. Currently, the definition of an API, in the Proposed Settlement, is too restrictive to be of any use. The current definition in the Proposed Settlement defines the API as an interface between Microsoft Middleware and Microsoft Windows. This definition does not include any of the other Windows APIs that are used by other applications. By changing this to include ALL Windows APIs, will open up the software field to other developers who have not previously had access to these APIs.

This is just one example of the changes that could be made to the Proposed Settlement to level the field between Microsoft and other software companies.

Thank you for listening,
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