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Greetings,

I am absolutely appalled at the continuing attack against Microsoft. It's disturbing that competitors airing false charges against Microsoft receive favorable treatment from the press and from many members of the United States Congress. It's even more disturbing that several states are continuing with their phone lawsuits against Microsoft.

Microsoft has revolutionized the computer business. They have made it possible for the average citizen of this country, as well as multitudes around the world, to readily gain access to computers and the world-wide network that computers offer. I'm recall the days of "DOS" and it's complexities, along with the difficulties of simply wandering around the computer world. Without Microsoft's contributions, the average citizen would never have become so computer literate; nor would we all enjoy the benefits of lower computer hardware and softward prices.

It's time to call a halt to the attack on one of America's most successful businesses. There are many more issues of concern for the Department of Justice; and likewise state prosecutors. The on-going attack on Microsoft from private and governmental representatives is not only hurting Microsoft, but also hampering our country's economic recovery!

Hopefully, the U.S. Department of Justice will bring an end to the frivolous Microsoft lawsuits, issue firm punishment for any wrong-doings actually committed by Microsoft, and let the company resume their efforts of bringing wondorous products to the American people and others around the globe.

Sincerely,

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