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Microsoft Settlement  
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Dear Microsoft Settlement:

The Microsoft settlement simply will encourage Microsoft to continue the same kind of monopolistic practices that destroyed countless new high-tech companies. The DOJ settlement is a watered down slap on the wrist that does nothing to punish Microsoft for stifling competition, stealing technology, and strong-arming business partners to advance MS products.

Don't let the DOJ waffle on this and therefore sell out the American people it PURPORTS to represent. We don't care if the government gets any money out of this, unlike the DOJ (it seems). What we want MS to do is DESIST their extortionist and raider business practices, open their operating systems in a fair and consistent fashion, and above all COMPENSATE all the business owners, shareholders, and principles of the myriad of businesses they ruined.

As a 20-year veteran of the technology industry, I can speak for most of my peers when I say that the DOJ settlement is nothing short of a highly-suspect kow-tow to Microsoft. Please make DOJ DO THEIR DAMN JOBS instead of sucking up to Bill Gates.

Sincerely,

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