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To our ministers of justice:

I strongly disagree with the settlement proposed in the antitrust case against Microsoft. It says to me, "Here, Microsoft, you did a lot of illegal, unfair and very un-American things to get your business where it is, but we're going to let you keep all the spoils you've accumulated. From now on though, don't do that anymore!" I say bull. A lot of consumers and businesses were unfairly treated by Microsoft, and no matter what my foreign friends keep telling me, "screw everybody to make a buck" is NOT the American Way. The only way we can send that message and keep true to what we stand for is to make sure that Microsoft is forced to /redress/ its past wrongs (symbolically, if actual redress isn't possible thanks to how much time has passed). And then, further, we have to impose very strict rules AND ENFORCE THEM. Per Microsoft, since their behavior was so wildly counter to what the American people deserve, I would like to see language in the settlement specifically mandating regular audits and government checks to make certain the rats aren't at it again--why should we trust them?

As far as the rest of the settlement, for pete's sake, let's stand up as citizens and lawmakers and make sure these businesses know that they do NOT have a Constitutional right to make a profit!! They have a right to operate a business, so long as they do it LEGALLY, fairly and appropriately as determined by the rules set down by the citizens who buy their product. Personally, I would have liked to see Microsoft's Corporate Charter revoked, swiftly and permanently, along with that of every other corporation who thinks they can abuse the people and ignore their laws. But that's me.

Sincerely,  
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