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To Whom It May Concern:

As a computer user (a PC network running Windows products) I have followed with great interest the anti-trust suit against Microsoft. The outcome of this process will determine my options as a computer user, and my costs as a business person. At present, I am forced by Microsoft's market domination, to use not only the Windows Operating System, but Microsoft's suite of office products, as well.

I believe that MS has used non-compatibility with competing products as a strategy with which to dominate the PC computing marketplace.

I believe, from experience working with software developers, that MS has used it's dominant marketing position to stifle the success of small developers, while quickly coming to market with poorly designed adaptations of new ideas.

I believe that the terms and definitions in the proposed agreement are overly specific and will allow MS to bypass the anti-competetive restrictions within months, simply by releasing new product.

In summary, I believe that the Proposed Final Judgment as written allows and encourages significant anticompetitive practices to continue, would delay the emergence of competing Windows-compatible operating systems, and is therefore not in the public interest. It should not be adopted without substantial revision to address these problems.

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