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The proposed Microsoft settlement is a bad idea. It does not protect OEMS against retaliation when they ship PCs with competing operating systems. This puts undo pressure on OEMS to do the WRONG THING; namely reduce consumer choices. As a consumer, I've come face to face with this limitation when purchasing computer equipment for my business. My choices were artificially limited by Microsoft practices and the settlement does nothing to improve things.

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