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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam:

I believe the proposed remedy is neither a commensurate punishment for Microsoft's misdeeds nor even a deterrent to future anti-competitive behaviour. As a software and systems engineer (programmer) at a Fortune 100 company, I bear the burden of Microsoft's sins every day because much of my job is to make things work together. Microsoft has proven time and again that they will use their market penetration to push others out of a competitive market by any means necessary. These means are well documented: secret APIs, embrace-and-extend tactics that allow only Microsoft's clients to talk to Microsoft servers, and closest to my work, the banishment (via click-through licenses on some Microsoft products) of Open Source programs and tools from *my* development environment.

I urge you to consider making Open Source Software (<http://www.opensource.org>) and Free Software (<http://www.fsf.org>) part of any remedy as these movements empower the users of software. If we, the users of software, are sufficiently empowered, then Microsoft nor any other entity will not be able to run roughshod over us.

Sincerely,
Stephen Kuenzli
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