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I understand that we are now in the public comment period of the Microsoft Settlement case.

I would like to register my informed opinion that finishing this matter as negotiated is the best course for all of us. I work in the technology sector with a range of technologies from IBM, Sun and Microsoft. This matter has distracted a major part of our economy that when left to its own devices produces miracles of innovation. The time has come to move on. I have followed the case since the first and while I don't agree with every turn of events, I do strongly feel that the current proposal is appropriate so long as the matter ends.

As a background I would like to submit one further comment. I am of the opinion that much of this case has from the beginning been the device of strong lobby efforts by a few companies competitive with Microsoft. I served in our armed forces as an Infantry Platoon leader in the Gulf War not to defend the right of lobbyists and lawyers to punish those they can't beat in the market, but to ensure that our country remained free and economically strong. It pains me to see us waste so much time, opportunity and money on the pretenses that have been offered.

Thanks  
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