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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the Microsoft antitrust settlement, which has been a long time in the making. Three years have now passed since this lawsuit was enacted, and during this time an exorbitant amount of taxpayer dollars have been squandered in funding this lawsuit. Enough is enough. I would hope that the federal government would not waste any more time over the issue and enact the settlement that was reached in November.

Further, it seems to me that the terms of the settlement are very fair. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the internal interfaces of its Windows system to its competitors. Beyond this, Microsoft will also make the licensing rights to Windows available at a constant rate to its competitors. In addition, Microsoft has also agreed to be monitored by a watchdog group that will make sure that Microsoft complies with the terms of the agreement.

I believe that the best path for the Justice Department is to end this dispute once and for all.

Sincerely,

John Fair

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