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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

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Dear Ms. Renata Hesse:

Please put a stop to the economically-draining witch-hunt against Microsoft. This has gone on long enough.

Microsoft has already agreed to hide its Internet Explorer icon from the desktop; the fact is, this case against Microsoft is little more than "welfare" for Netscape and other Microsoft competitors, with not a nickel going to those supposedly harmed by Microsoft: the computer user.

This is just another method for states to get free money, and a terrible precedent for the future, not only in terms of computer technology, but all sorts of innovations in the most dynamic industry the world has ever seen.

Please put a stop to this travesty of justice now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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