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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. In particular, it seems to me that the requirement that Microsoft disclose some of its code interfaces and file formats could be easily evaded without serious reprisal. Without some less ambiguous language, and more specific penalty language, Microsoft could well drag its heels to the point where any would-be competitors would have no chance at all of interoperating with Microsoft software.

As a consultant in the IT field, I prefer not to be locked into one vendor. I have heard similar concerns from my clients. Please don't allow Microsoft to continue to shirk its responsibilities via the inclusion of weak language in the settlement terms.

Sincerely,

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