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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy to hear that Microsoft and the government have reached an agreement. I think Microsoft has conducted itself appropriately as a corporate citizen throughout this entire ordeal, and think what they have agreed to do is fair for all.

If I understand it correctly, Microsoft has agreed to establish a "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist with dispute resolution, as well as agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, for the sake of wrapping up the suit, and has granted computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows.

Mr. Ashcroft, this settlement shows the kind of company Microsoft has always been and that is a company that cares not only about sales, but also about the consumer?s needs and abilities to have access to its innovative product. I support this settlement, and hope it will be approved at the end of this comment period.

Sincerely,

Klaus Gormar