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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

For over a year I used Netscape Navigator. Eventually, I decided to try other browsers - Internet Explorer and Opera- because I was becoming frustrated with Navigator's lack of features. I was much happier with Explorer's flexibility and features, so I removed Navigator.

All three programs were free to the public, but one offered more and satisfied me more than the other.

I also bought a Ford Bronco several years ago. I was not satisfied with the stereo that came ?bundled? with it, so I shopped around and bought a better stereo to replace it. The stereo was much more costly and troublesome to replace than Internet Explorer is to replace. Cars come bundled with stereos and tires and I can buy different tires and stereos for my car, just as a computer can come with Windows, Mac OSX, Linux, etc., but I am still free to choose whatever web browser or other software I prefer with the operating system of my choice.

Please don't take away our rights or responsibility to choose and decide for ourselves what products we will use.

Politicians harm consumers when they give unfair advantage to producers who cannot compete with companies that create better products. Allowing politicians to interfere with the marketplace and consumer choice is an uncompetitive and unconstitutional practice.

Sincerely,

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