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

Is further litigation on the Microsoft antitrust case going to get us out of this recession? I don?t think so! I was hopeful when Microsoft and the Department of Justice reached a settlement back in November, but now it looks to me like we are in for another round of fruitless litigation. We have nine state Attorney Generals playing politics and AOL is back in court with an old complaint that was proven to be unfounded in the current DOJ lawsuit.

I, Robert, am a Software Engineer. I worked for RCA Computer Systems Division in the 1960s and Hewlett-Packard from the early 1970s to the present. From personal experience I can tell you that the Netscape browser lost its dominant position because it was defect- ridden and its performance was miserable. The Netscape browser still has a near monopoly on UNIX workstations and AOL Time Warner & Sun Microsystems still deliver a defect-ridden browser with miserable performance to that market.

Microsoft has agreed not to go after computer companies who ship software that competes with anything in its operating system.

Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that run on software that competes with Windows.

What else is expected of Microsoft? Let's move on. Let?s put an end to the litigation!

Sincerely,

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