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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Greetings,

I would like to submit the following as a Tunney Act comment regarding my opposition to the proposed final judgement against Microsoft:

As an information technologies professional for twenty years I have observed the rise of Microsoft and noted with concern many of its anti-competitive and monopolistic practices, only some of which have been addressed by the DOJ case.

In general I am convinced that the remedy proposed will not prevent Microsoft from unfairly maintaining its monopoly, not stop it from thwarting competition and innovation in the computer and every other industry it touches, and will not in the end prevent Microsoft from harming consumers by hindering their choices in the marketplace.

The PFJ Contains Misleading and Overly Narrow Definitions and Provisions, Fails to Prohibit Anticompetitive License Terms currently used by Microsoft, Fails to Prohibit Intentional Incompatibilities Historically Used by Microsoft, Fails to Prohibit Anticompetitive Practices Towards OEMs, and as currently written appears to lack an effective enforcement mechanism.

Please go back to the drawing board and come up with a remedy that will actually protect and benefit consumers!

Thank you,

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