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To Whom it May Concern:

I'll keep my comments regarding the proposed Microsoft Settlement brief.

The settlement in its current form essentially gives Microsoft the legal right to continue to do as they please. Furthermore, I've noticed that it seems to be relatively easy for Microsoft to circumvent any restrictions that are in place that they find to be a hindrance.

Microsoft has been found to be a monopoly. This has been affirmed by a Court of Appeals. When AT&T was found to be a monopoly, they were broken up into Baby Bells. I'm not entirely certain that a breakup of Microsoft is the best solution (a slew of Baby Microsofts might not help the matter).

Regardless, a harsher penalty must be imposed on this company. They literally have their collective hands in almost every facet of the Information Technology industry. Their use of disgusting business practices to enhance their own net worth causes nothing but disdain.

If they are not stopped now, our entire IT infrastructure may one day be entirely Microsoft-driven. This is highly undesirable.

Thank you for your time.