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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The reason for this letter is to request that you make a good effort to ensure the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust case becomes a reality.

Challengers and foes of Microsoft may pressure officials to delay this settlement in favor of continued litigation in this case. They are working under the premise that the courts should punish Microsoft. I do not believe the courts should be used in this way.

Furthermore the settlement that is being offered is a good agreement. The settlement will allow easier placement of non-Microsoft products on Microsoft operating systems; including easier removal of Microsoft components. Additionally the settlement will permit computer makers to place non-Microsoft operating systems on computers with fewer restrictions, even if they also use Microsoft systems. Moreover the settlement creates a technical review committee that includes a full time government monitor to ensure all elements of the settlement are enforced. It is clear that this settlement should be implemented and this settlement is good.

Sincerely,

Randy Hoffman