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Dear Attorney General John Ashcroft:

I support of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. This settlement comes after two generations of software have occurred and it is time to settle. I am glad that Microsoft is not being broken up, but I think the terms of the settlement will correct some of the concerns that I have had with Microsoft's marketing tactics.

Essentially, I think Microsoft has shown heavy-handed methods in their marketing tactics. I think competition is necessary to grow an industry and Microsoft is doing no one any good by wiping out their competitors. The terms of the settlement force them to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products and not retaliate against computer makers or software developers that promote non-Microsoft products. I believe that these concessions by Microsoft are fair and represent a step in the right direction. I think that any settlement should include terms that improve competition which is very important to improving our standard of living and productivity.

I hope your office finalizes the settlement and encourages the states to ensure that any further litigation on their part be justified.

Thank you.

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