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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support the settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust Case. I am outraged about the amount of money and time that has been devoted it. This case should not have been brought in the first place. I am even more outraged by the handling of the case by the judiciary. I believe firmly that the government should simply drop the case against Microsoft, however, as the likelihood of this happening is slim, I support Microsoft's agreement to comply with the terms of the settlement agreement in the interest of ending this costly, wasteful, unwarranted, and needless litigation.

The terms of the settlement are more, considerably more, than fair, just, and reasonable. Microsoft has gone far above and well beyond what should be expected of it. Microsoft has agreed to disclose to its very competitors the interfaces that are internal to its proprietary Windows Operating System. Similarly, Microsoft agreed to not enter into contracts with third parties that would require that third party to exclusively promote or distribute Microsoft products. There should be no hesitation in accepting these terms; no hesitation on the part of the Department of Justice; and, no hesitation on the part of the Court. A nation that hesitates in times of crisis is lost. And our nation is facing a crisis.

I believe firmly that this case was brought as a result of the government's ongoing pattern of

interfering with successful American businesses. Innovative companies, like Microsoft, should be free to further their businesses. When innovative American companies are allowed to freely innovate, American businesses, American consumers, and the American economy in general, will benefit.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and, please, let our nation move forward.

Sincerely yours,

Gayle E. Green

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We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
II Cor. 4:16-18

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