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Please read attachment below.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my support of the Microsoft settlement. Over the past three years, the federal government has launched a legal attack on Microsoft. The result of this attack has served only to curb productivity in our technology sectors. Given the current economic recession, I believe that settling this issue will facilitate growth in the industry once more.

Compromises have been made throughout the process. Microsoft has agreed to license Windows at the same rate to the largest producers of PCs. This will ensure that computer makers have a level playing field. Further, PC makers will have the option to market computers that have non-Microsoft software enabled onto the Windows system upon sale. Microsoft agreed all of these changes to in the interests of resolving the issue.

I would hope that you see the importance in enacting this settlement at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Esposito

cc: Representative Howard Coble