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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Department of Justice,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed settlement. The three top reasons are:

- 1) It allows Microsoft to keep the financial and business advantages it gained by operating an illegal monopoly,
- 2) It allows Microsoft to keep the distortions, such as Internet Explorer, Media Player, and others, it added to Windows in defiance of a court settlement,
- 3) There is no provision to enforce any provisions of this settlement and Microsoft has a long history of doing as they please.

It appears to me that it would be a shame if an industry standard operating system weren't a result of this action. Since Windows is the de-facto O. S., it seems reasonable to me to require Microsoft to release Windows to a standards organization such as IEEE, ANSI, or others. They have certainly recouped and profited adequately for their investment, and the loss of Intellectual Property to the public good seems to me a proper punishment.

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