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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

The settlement offered by the Bush administration and some states was not in the public interest. The antitrust case involved abuse of monopoly power by releasing the Windows operating system with the Internet Explorer browser embedded into the operating system.

The remedies offered by the Bush administration do not address the nature of the case, and would only serve to further reduce competition in the schools, one of the last remaining venues where competing software can still be found.

Any sound remedy should separate the Internet Explorer browser from the operating system. The remaining states that refuse to settle stress this point.

Each time the government allows Microsoft to release another version of Windows with the Internet Explorer browser embedded into the operating system, the monopoly path is entrenched further.

Make the remedy be an actual remedy to the facts of the case.

Sincerely,

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