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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom It May Concern,

I am 25 years old. I am part of the first generation of adults who have been using a computer for most of their lives. From the age of ten, there has been a computer in my house. For the past 5 years, in the various jobs I have held, my work could not have been done without a computer. Based on my experience, it is conceivable that when my two year old daughter is my age, the idea of living or working without a computer would be unimaginable to her. Computers, for better or worse, are central to how we interact socially and how we conduct business. Taking this into consideration, I respectfully ask that the government and the courts please reject the proposed Microsoft settlement. Microsoft, having been found guilty of violating the law and being the largest manufacturer of computer operating systems and software in the world, should not be allowed to "get off so easy".

The courts have found Microsoft guilty. The lower courts proposed punishments have been rejected by the Appeals court. Regardless, that does not mean that Microsoft should now have its way. Microsoft should not benefit in anyway from a settlement. If there is to be a settlement, then Microsoft should be held accountable for its actions and punished in such a way that it will not repeat past offenses. I'm afraid that the proposed settlement would encourage Microsoft to do just that.

Please reject the proposed settlement.

Thank you for your time.

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