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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Though I did not receive the draft letter from Microsoft (probably deleted it not recognizing what it was) I will attempt to put into my own words what I think about the case.

I am a small stock holder, a retired illustrator, 74 years old. I own an equal number of shares of Microsoft and Sun Microsystems, but am glad to see that Sun's shares have suffered even more than Microsoft's, because I believe Scott McNeely set out to organize all the other less successful companies to try to destroy Microsoft because of his own extreme envy of Bill Gates.

I believe Bill Gates has benefited the entire world more than any other person in history, including Andrew Carnegie. Of course, he has been competitive. That is the way of a Capitalist country. I doubt if any of the critics would have done less if they could have. As I understand it, the anti-trust laws were created to protect the public from monopolists being able to raise prices to the public. Microsoft has not done this. Nobody in the public has been forced to buy a Microsoft product. They have done so, because of the creative innovation of Microsoft's products.

The Judge who ordered the breakup of Microsoft was obviously prejudiced, so it went to the Appellate court which has handed down a less severe punishment, which Microsoft has agreed to.

Why all the states are suing, I don't understand, unless it's simply greed, and now Europe is trying to cash in on it, too.

At this point we certainly shouldn't be trying to destroy arguably the best company in the country. Will competitors next go after Dell, because Michael Dell built a better mousetrap?

I read that China's economy did better this past year than any other country's, and bought more computers than any other country. We have far more to fear from China's becoming the next greatest superpower in the world, than our most successful companies.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion,

Respectfully,

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