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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I'm writing to urge you to support the settlement recently reached between the United States Department of Justice and Microsoft. I feel this is a lawsuit that should have never been launched against Microsoft and believe that it is now time to end it so Microsoft can return to the business of software development. Indeed, Microsoft must feel the same way because it agreed to terms in the settlement that went far beyond the scope of the original lawsuit.

Microsoft has, for example, agreed to license Windows to the 20 largest computer makers on virtually identical terms and condition. Microsoft has also agreed to grant computer makers and software developers broad rights to configure Windows to remove Microsoft products and substitute competing, non-Microsoft products in their places. For example, Netscape Navigator can be installed in place of Internet Explorer; RealPlayer in place of Windows Media Player; and AOL Instant Messenger in place of Windows Messenger. Microsoft has agreed to not retaliate against computer makers and software developers who choose to do this. Further, Microsoft has agreed to not enter into any agreements with other companies that would obligate them to exclusively distribute or promote Windows technology.

Based on the facts of the settlement, I encourage you to accept the terms of the settlement so that Microsoft can carry on the business of developing innovative software.

Sincerely,

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