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Dear DOJ,

As an avid computer user, I have been following the Microsoft Antitrust case with interest for several years now. In light of the recently proposed settlement, I am very disappointed in the proposed remedies and I would like to focus on two points:

1. The remedies do nothing to protect the interests of open-source software, such as the Linux operating system and Apache server software. These open-source projects represent some of the few remaining alternative to Microsoft products and must be protected.
2. The proposal does nothing to address the Microsoft .NET project, which is aimed to replace the wonderfully platform-independent Java programming language with yet another Microsoft product. This will allow Microsoft to even further leverage their stranglehold on the Windows operating system by eventually dropping support for Java.

I know that a great many individuals have expressed their own disappointments with the Microsoft Settlement - thank you for taking the time to read mine.

Sincerely,

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