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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Pursuant to the Tunney Act, I am writing to comment on the proposed settlement of the United States vs. Microsoft Corporation antitrust case.

I wish to state how disappointed I am in US Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft, Illinois Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan, and all the other states' attys. general in this extremely weak and poor settlement with the Microsoft Corporation.

With their track record of poor products and their quashing of almost every possible threat to their monopoly (such as the cases with Netscape and their pending litigation against Lindows), Microsoft has acted against the public's welfare and has cost the economy great quantities of productivity. For example, assuming a user base of one million users who must endure one crash of their Microsoft OS, a 240 day work-year of 8 hour work-days and an average salary of $22,500, those unscheduled coffee breaks cost a total of over $29,000,000 per annum in lost productivity. This amount does not take into account the time needed to recreate lost works in progress or delays to customer inquiries because of the delays.

I also wish to add that I am in full agreement with the statements of Dan Kegel, located online at http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html ; Jeremy P. White, CEO of CodeWeavers, Inc, located online at http://www.codeweavers.com/~jwhite/tunneywine.html ; and the Free Software Foundation, located online at http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/microsoft-antitrust.html.

Any settlement with Microsoft is unsatisfactory. This company, and its management, need to be punished much more severely than this settlement possibly would.

Sincerely,

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