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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please accept my attached letter of response regarding the Microsoft Settlement with the Department of Justice. Thank You ! Marty Irwin

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January 25, 2002

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

I am writing today regarding the settlement that was reached between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation in their three year long antitrust battle. I believe that this case has been propagated for far too long and the money and resources expended on both sides of this dispute could have been put to better use elsewhere.

The terms of this settlement are fair. Microsoft has agreed to design all future versions of its Windows operating system to work in conjunction with the products of its competitors. The company will also cease any action that may be considered retaliatory. Adherence to this settlement will also be ensured by a government appointed oversight committee which will monitor Microsoft. It is clear to me that this settlement addresses the issues that were brought in this suit and then some. The reluctance of some people to accept these terms is proof that they are more concerned with perpetuating their own political agendas than they are with finding a suitable solution to this problem.

Thank you for supporting this settlement and for allowing me to voice my opinion on this issue.

Sincerely,

Marty Irwin