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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust suit against Microsoft has gone on for long enough. I believe that this suit is just trying to gore the fat cat just because it is fat. If Time Warner packages Netscape with AOL, then what is the harm with Microsoft packaging Explorer with Windows? This suit's contradicting demands are having a detrimental consequence on the nation's financial situation.

The settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department will be beneficial in reviving consumer confidence. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system to 20 of the largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions. The settlement instructs Microsoft to also make all future versions of its

Windows to be  
compatible with non-Microsoft software.

The settlement may seem to challenge the free-market,  
but it is  
vital to settle the case to help provide assistance in  
revitalizing  
the economy.

Sincerely,

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