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Greetings,

As an executive,engineer and inventor (20+ patents) I would like to provide the following comments as the final decisions are made concerning the Microsoft Settlement.

I have been a user of Microsoft Products since buying my first personal computer in about 1983. I have also been responsible for the coordination of information technology within my employer's organization. In submitting these comments, I am not claiming to represent the official position of my current employer, but only my personal views.

The standardization in file formats and software interfaces over the years has greatly improved the ability of people to communicate with each other both within organizations and between organizations. Much of this standardization has come because people selected Microsoft's Products instead of those of other vendors. Taken as a whole, Microsoft's solutions have been superior to those offered by other vendors. The network effect of many users using a common tool has driven the level of deployment of Microsoft's products.

Do not go beyond the current settlement and impair the ability of Microsoft's engineers and programmers to create new and improve their existing software. It should not be the the role of Government to be in the middle of a company's design efforts.

The current settlement takes sufficient steps to correct the commercial missteps which were made by the Microsoft team.

Sincerely,

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