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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am very much in favor of the right of consumers to choose the configuration of the system they work in. I am, therefore, in favor of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. There is no doubt in my mind that Microsoft was behaving monopolistically, but the corporation produces good software, and I do not believe that so much fuss should have been made about actions that were not, in effect, harming the public.

The settlement allows for a return of fair competition in the technology industry. Microsoft has, for example, agreed to reformat future versions of Windows so that computer makers as well as users will be free to reconfigure Windows using both Microsoft and non-Microsoft software to suit their specific needs. The settlement also requires that Microsoft's actions be monitored by a three-person technical committee consisting of software engineers who will resolve disputes and make sure Microsoft complies with the settlement. I think Microsoft deserves a chance to prove its ability to adhere to the settlement.

It will cost more in the long run to continue litigation against Microsoft. The technology industry, the economy, and the American people have all felt the repercussions of this case. It is time to settle. I urge you to support the agreement and move on.

Sincerely,

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