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As a retired citizen of Washington state, I encourage you to accept the proposed settlement in the anti-trust case involv--ing Microsoft. I am neither an employee nor a stockholder in this firm.

This settlement is appropriate and reflects a triumph of the rule of law. Many critics, all with an axe to grind, i.e. compet--itors and state attorneys-general, call for extreme, stringent restrictions that are totally inappropriate.

These objections ignore the decision of the Appeals Court that reversed much of Judge Jackson's original findings. Objectors not only misstate facts, but deliberately misinter--pret the Appeals Courts' key findings.

In my view there can be no valid objection to this settlement since every major finding of the Appeals Court is stringently addressed with a targeted remedy that specifically prohibits and prevents the conduct in question.

Acceptance of the proposed settlement will send a signal to American industry managements and all thinking citizens that the rule of law is still being enforced appropriately. Any--thing beyond this settlement would be a victory for those who seek damage and destruction rather than a remedy;. for competitors, litigation rather than innovative, honest competition.

Every person with the most rudimentary understanding of free markets wants the law to protect the markets' smooth functioning. Can we depend on the fair application of the laws that all participants in the U.S. economy rely on ? I hope
your answer is a resounding "yes".

Thank you for your consideration.

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