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**Subject:** Renata B. Hesse

Renata B. Hesse  
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Dear Renata B. Hesse,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed Microsoft Settlement with the Department of Justice. My reasons for this are many, but I will list just one for the purposes of this letter.

Microsoft is a convicted monopolist and allowing them to donate \$1 billion worth of software to schools is *\*not\** a punishment. First, \$1 billion to Microsoft is not a lot of money. Recently, Microsoft had \$30 billion in cash on hand. Second, Microsoft will experience years of benefits in sales from this deal as schools will seek to upgrade their aging "free" MS products. Also, when children learn software in school, parents have a compelling reason to purchase the same software at home. This settlement is a dream come true for Microsoft.

Please, reject this settlement offer.

I thank you very much in advance for your time.

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