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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my belief that the proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case is too weak and should be rejected by the Court. The remedies proposed would not, in my opinion, go nearly far enough to restrain the company from its proven monopolistic behaviour. I write this as an IT professional with over 10 years of experience in the field.

I am also a conservative who believes in limited government regulation. However, in this case, I believe that it is in the best interest of the U.S. taxpayers that harsher penalties be handed down to Microsoft. By leveraging its' near-monopoly on desktop operating systems, Microsoft has damaged competition and reduced consumer choice.

In my opinion, the settlement announced in October by the nine states and the Dept. of Justice with Microsoft would be nothing more than a slap on the wrist. A proper remedy would begin with requiring that Microsoft "unbundle" its' Web browser from the underlying operating system and force the company to release the source code for versions of its' popular Office suite of programs to the general public. Such a remedy would begin to allow more competition in the marketplace.

I do not, however, believe that the company should be broken up.

Sincerely,

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