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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

As a user of both Microsoft and Apple computer products, I have to say that I feel Apple Computer has the edge in technology. The fact that Microsoft has a commanding lead over Apple can be attributed to Microsoft's superior marketing. Promoting one's product has never been illegal before, and definitely should not be now.

However, as I write this, I sit surrounded by Microsoft products: Windows, Internet Explorer, MSN Messenger, etc. I am typing this message on MSN Hotmail. Microsoft does have competitors in all of its business segments, but by packaging its inferior products together, it can make its software bundles seem superior to these competitors.

My father owns stock in Microsoft, yet I still do not fully support the company. It may not have committed a physical crime like murder, but it has damaged America's economy by not allowing free trade. But perhaps economic crimes are not as bad as we think. Most companies recover from recessions, wars, etc.

In my opinion, the only solution to the Microsoft case is to stop it from bundling software. We cannot let Microsoft off too easily, but we should not punish it too hard. Terrorism is a far more important topic for the Supreme Court right now than a company that supposedly stifled innovation.

Sincerely,

Chetan Prabhudesai, 15

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