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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

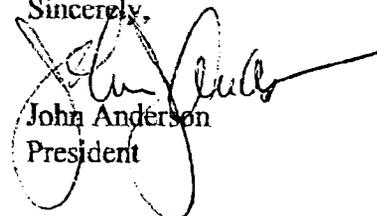
I have personally founded six small businesses, each providing software and related services to companies and consumers. Also, I have worked for five of America's largest businesses, performing turn-around leadership to help restore them to competitive health. I know what it means to compete here in America, where entrepreneurship and a free market economy have historically been protected by our government.

I think it is a shame that the previous administration punished successful entrepreneurship and stifled creativity – and has left your department to bat cleanup. The Microsoft antitrust suit is the perfect example of this. I am appalled that the negotiated settlement has been rejected by half of the plaintiff states – without even giving it a trial period – and thus letting six months of negotiations go to waste. I think before rejection is considered, it is necessary to give the settlement a chance.

It is a disgrace that the settlement should be delayed to give Microsoft's opponents a bigger piece of the pie. I think the settlement is fair as it stands. Microsoft has agreed not to enter into any contracts that would require a third party to distribute or endorse Microsoft products either exclusively or at a fixed percentage. Microsoft also plans to design future versions of Windows so that the operating system will support non-Microsoft software. I believe that these terms are more than reasonable.

In the long run, I believe the economy and the consumer would benefit from a speedy settlement. *I urge you to give your support to the settlement.*

Sincerely,



John Anderson
President

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