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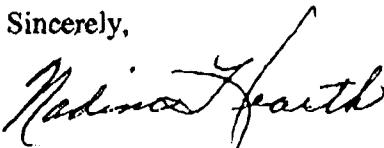
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to your office because I support Microsoft and its desire to settle the antitrust lawsuit that the government brought against them. The case has proven to be very lengthy, and I feel that if the government's case were solid, they would have been able to prove it by now. In the meantime, Microsoft's business has been adversely affected.

The settlement proposed several months ago offers Microsoft's competitors an unparalleled opportunity for market growth. Microsoft is boldly agreeing to broad changes, between disclosing Windows program codes it developed to other companies, as well as enabling computer users and manufacturers to remove Internet Explorer and other Windows-based programs from their PCs.

Most importantly, the settlement does not seek the breakup of Microsoft. The company clearly wants to put this dispute behind them. I hope you agree and will settle the case.

Sincerely,



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