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Renata Hesse  
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Dear Attorney Hesse:

I am writing to urge the court to accept the settlement proposal of the Microsoft anti-trust case.

As a consumer I have witnessed the value of our constantly advancing technology on a daily basis. Like most Americans I am at the same time thrilled and overwhelmed by the new products that are available. These have gone along way toward helping work and live more efficiently.

I work in the printing industry and can tell you first hand that technology has had a significant impact on how this industry operates. The quality of our work improved to a great extent while the product turn-around time has been significantly reduced

We are living in a time of financial uncertainty in this country. We must do whatever we can to regain stability in the stock markets and the job market. Ending the government's case against one of our leading companies will help lead our county to continued prosperity.

Please accept the settlement before you.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald R. Slifka