Wake Forest Town Commission

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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a member of the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners, I am concerned that the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit has dragged on too long and we need to settle it now. I am elected to represent all the people in Wake Forest, and I am concerned that everyone's jobs are being threatened by the recession. Microsoft products are the backbone of business and industry – and they help offices run efficiently throughout our community.

I am opposed to prolonging the lawsuit in any way. The suit needs to be resolved... and resolved now! Many of our commuting citizens work in the Research Triangle Park. High tech solutions for health care, business and communications firms are developed here in the Triangle. However, the ability of these companies to be innovative in creating solutions, and productive in the creation of jobs, hinges upon moving beyond excessive litigation.

Let's face the fact that both parties want the suit to end. Microsoft and the federal government are in agreement on all points of the settlement. I want to strongly urge Judge Kollar-Kotelly to promptly approve the settlement. This lawsuit has cost businesses and local governments untold millions in lost revenues. Let's stop the bleeding.

Let's move beyond this case and move the economy forward.

Sincerely,

D. Kim Marshall

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