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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I have been a firm supporter of Microsoft for many years and my philosophy as far as this settlement goes is that I will support anything that is in Microsoft's best interest. As far as the settlement reached in the antitrust case, I am willing to express support for it in the interest of closure. I feel this entire lawsuit was unwarranted and a complete contradiction to the spirit of free enterprise. Bringing closure to this as soon as possible will be in the best interest of consumers, the economy, and the IT industry on a whole.

It is very hard for me to imagine why there are still States that wish to pursue this matter when one considers the severity of our economic situation. What exactly is the issue? Microsoft has made several concessions in this settlement that will doubtless have adverse effects on their own competitiveness. For example, Microsoft has agreed not to obligate third parties to distribute or promote Windows technology exclusively or at a fixed percentage. Also, Microsoft will make no attempt to obligate software developers to only create Windows-compatible software.

I am very pleased with the Microsoft's obvious compliance and hope that you will aggressively pursue means that will pacify the concerns of the dissatisfied states and bring this matter to close immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Kulle". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Cynthia Kulle

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