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

I am writing in support of Microsoft and believe this whole antitrust case has become political. I don't see how this benefits consumers and businesses—especially at the expense of the economy. The tech stocks are down. The technology sector is down. The employment numbers are down. Let Microsoft get back to work and the government get on with worthwhile business. The only people I see benefiting from this case are the lawyers.

I am a small businessman who employs 25 people. I have greatly benefited since 1982 from the products Microsoft produces and feel they have been more than fair to me. If their competitors can't put out a better product with competitive pricing and service that's their problem. I don't see why I should suffer as a small businessman.

After years of extensive negotiations and mediation, Microsoft has gone out of their way to settle this case. They went well beyond what would be required in any antitrust case. They agreed to design future versions of Windows, starting with an interim release of XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easier for computer companies, consumers and software developers to promote their software within Windows.

Let's end this litigation so that we can focus on what's really important. Thanks.

Sincerely,



Mike Sampson

cc: Senator Larry Craig