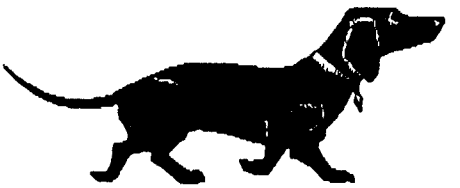

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January 21, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a fellow Republican in Rep. Tom Delay's district I wish to express my support of the settlement reached last November between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. It has now been 3 years since the Justice Department began the litigation process against Microsoft. During this time countless dollars have gone to court mediators who endlessly debated the merits of this case. In times where budgetary resources are becoming increasingly scarce this action is increasingly appalling. Three years has been too long. I cannot imagine there is anything more to discuss.

Once more, the settlement that was reached contains many concessions on behalf of Microsoft. in an attempt to settle the dispute Microsoft has been willing to agree to these terms despite their lack of guilt in the case. Microsoft has agreed to design Windows XP with a particular mechanism that will allow users to add competing software into the system. This will revolutionize the way our operating systems are configured.

I believe that if Microsoft is willing to make these changes, the settlement should be enacted. I strongly support the settlement and look forward to the end of this case.

Sincerely,

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