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Dear Attorney General:

I was happy to hear the Department of Justice made the wise decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust case. As a software developer, I am cognizant of the benefits the settlement agreement provides to both Microsoft and to its competitors.

I am supportive of Microsoft's efforts to dispel concerns about anticompetitive behavior. Microsoft has agreed to disclose portions of its code to its competitors, as well as to make it easier for consumers to run other software systems with Windows. Future versions of Windows will be designed with mechanisms that will allow consumers to remove features of Windows and replace them with non-Microsoft programs. By these and other concessions, Microsoft has really gone above and beyond what should be required of it.

It is time for the litigation to conclude so Microsoft will be free to focus its resources on developing new products. I hope you continue your efforts to resolve this case. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Liam Newman