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Dear Mr Ashcroft,

I wanted to write to you giving our family's opinion about the suit brought by the Dept of Justice and Microsoft. I fully support the settlement that was reached - not because it was warranted or that Microsoft deserves to be punished but because it harms our economy and stifles further creativity by business who want to compete and innovate.

Government interference was not the right thing to do and probably was brought about as a result of lobbying on the part of Microsoft's competitors. Just as in the case of the airlines the government ought to be

providing other services to its citizens instead of pressure and regulations on the private sector of legitimate business dealings.
I am happy a settlement has been reached and hope that the future direction of the Justice Department will not be to hamper and oppress Microsoft and other capitalistic endeavors.

Sincerely
Evelyn Parent

cc Senator Rick Santorum