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

I would like to give you my thoughts about the Microsoft Antitrust Case. This issue has been in and out of the news for almost three years. Doesn't our government have anything better to do with their time? It is a waste of taxpayers' hard-earned money and is not something that truly represents the public interest. Microsoft's company is not harming consumers. Their company has actually contributed a great deal to our economy, providing thousands of well-paying jobs to the technology industry directly, and countless more indirectly.

I am retired and use computers at home now. For years, I used Microsoft products in my office and liked their ease of use and compatibility. No other system provides that as Microsoft does; that is why they have been so successful.

This settlement is very reasonable, calling for Microsoft to change their counteractive marketing practices and to give away some of their technology. This will make things more than fair for their competitors, especially since they are getting to take advantage of Microsoft's intelligence and money spent to come up with the technology. Please uphold this settlement for the good of everyone. Our economy needs a boost right now and improving our computer industry is a good way to do it.

Sincerely,



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