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Re: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

As you know, on June 28, 2001, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit overturned a lower court ruling that Microsoft be broken into two companies as remedy for so-called anti-competitive practices. On November 2, 2001, Microsoft and the Department of Justice announced a settlement to the *U.S. v Microsoft* antitrust case. Nine of the 18 states that were party to the suit have agreed to join this important settlement.

Innovations in technology and telecommunications are an important contributing factor to our nation's economic success. It is, therefore, vitally important that this innovation continues and accelerates, as the economy struggles to rebound from its recent downturn. Settlement of this suit will help ensure this happens.

As the nation's largest, bipartisan individual membership association of state legislators, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) applauds your efforts to settle this case. We hope that the states that are not party to this settlement will follow the lead of the Justice Department and seek a fair settlement that encourages innovation and secures our economic growth.

Sincerely,

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