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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

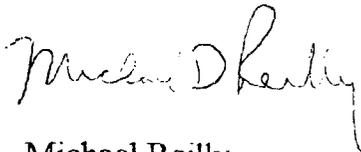
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a little time to express my full support for the settlement concluded between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. I believe the settlement is good for consumers and our economy.

The terms of the agreement are fair and reasonable to both sides. Microsoft has agreed to many concessions in order to wrap this case up and move forward. For example, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system. Also, Microsoft will be monitored by a three-member Technical Committee to assure compliance with the settlement.

As a business owner, I fully understand the importance and value Microsoft provides to both businesses and consumers. This settlement will free them to continue to provide the innovation that has made our economy the engine for the entire world.

Sincerely,



Michael Reilly

cc: Representative J. Dennis Hastert