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The Honorable Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Attorney General,

re: Microsoft Settlement

Please count me in the opposed column to the pending suit against the Microsoft Corporation.

Night after night I see on television or read in the newspapers adds for cars and trucks, appliances, and other products hawking giveaways if you will just buy this or that product. I see no difference in the marketing of many other corporations than the marketing of Microsoft. Is not the idea of building a better mousetrap or marketing a better mousetrap the "American Way" ?

I am an ordinary citizen with no axe to grind, but I find it very distasteful to waste tax dollars on such a silly exercise. Microsoft has improved our way of life in so many ways by pursuing this legal action leaves me saddened and frustrated. Please Attorney General Ashcroft, stop this waste of manpower and tax dollars and redirect the governments legal efforts to meaningful pursuits.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Markham