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

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are writing to show our support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the government. It is fair and reasonable.

The fact that Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows shows me that Microsoft is not looking for ways to hurt consumers, but to help them. Further, Microsoft won't enter into any agreements forcing a third party to distribute or promote any Windows technology exclusively or in a fixed percentage. Finally, the government will establish a "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist with dispute resolution.

This is a good settlement and Microsoft deserves a lot of credit for taking the lead on resolving these issues. We hope the settlement will be approved so Microsoft can get back to developing innovative software.

Sincerely,



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