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

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. It disappoints me that the government has in the past chosen to harass a company like Microsoft. Microsoft has added such a great economic contribution to this country. The contribution extends from Washington State all the way to Washington, D.C. Microsoft is a core holding of most company retirement plans, 401Ks, IRAs and mutual funds throughout America Therefore it is in the best interests of almost every American to get this case settled.

In order to settle this issue Microsoft has agreed to many terms. It has agreed to design future versions of Windows to be more compatible with non-Microsoft software. It has also agreed to change several aspects of the way it does business with computer makers. Microsoft did not get off easy, there are pages of terms agreed to in addition to these two.

Microsoft needs to be able to get back to business. This suit has bogged down the company for over three years now. For the good of American's everywhere I urge you to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement

Respectfully

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