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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my disapproval with the last three years of litigation brought against Microsoft by the US department of Justice. Microsoft has been the cornerstone of the Technology Industry, and its capacity to generate wealth and create jobs for our nation should not be overlooked. Our Government needs to stop interfering in free enterprise and start worrying about more pertinent issues like security.

The terms of the settlement do not let Microsoft off easily as they stipulate Microsoft will have to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products and also grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to make it easier for non-Microsoft products to be promoted. This, I believe will be a detriment to Microsoft, the consumer and the free market as we know it.

I urge your office to do what is right for the American public and the Information Technology sector by implementing the settlement. The nine states that want to continue litigation should be reprimanded and this case should come to an end. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Carol Vincent