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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

It recently came to my attention that the Justice Department is accepting public comment on the Microsoft antitrust case for a 60-day period. The settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice makes a lot of sense, and it should be implemented as soon as the formality of the comment period is over.

It appears to me that the problems that brought about the lawsuits in the first place have been addressed, and that guides are in place to protect smaller companies from future injustices. There is no need for more wasted time on the federal level. Personally, I think the issues in question were non-issues to begin with.

In short, it is time to move on our country has more serious matters to deal with than the practices of Microsoft. Although new government guidelines will be placed on the IT sector, this settlement will provide certainty about the new rules and bring stability to the industry. This will ensure that our country can continue to introduce advanced American technology to the world market. I thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts, and I wish you luck with the other matters your office is handling.

Sincerely,


Tom Lupinetti