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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Please see the attached letter regarding the Microsoft Settlement.

Thanks,

Michael R. FASTER

President



January 7, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

It is a better alternative to have this Microsoft lawsuit settled than having it drag on in the federal courts. Ultimately, I believe that any anticipated break-up of Microsoft anticipated by the federal prosecutors would have had serious repercussions on the Information Technology business at large. At the very least, most would have to retool the way they had done business with Microsoft. This would have distracted businesses from concentrating on servicing their client bases and expanding their businesses. In the IT business, this distraction can have serious consequences.

Ultimately, I am not sure what benefit the terms of the settlement will have on most IT businesses. The hardware manufacturers and the software publishers may benefit by virtue of the fact that the terms of the settlement are centered around either freeing up more of the Windows code, or creating greater flexibility among the various OEMs as to pre-installing the Microsoft OS.

In short, the settlement is basically a good thing and hopefully will be sustained throughout this review process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael FASTER
 President

CC: Representative Zoe Lofgren

