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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Four years ago, the U.S. Department of Justice and 18 state Attorneys General brought suit against Microsoft claiming their preeminence in the software market created an unfair advantage over their competitors. Now, after millions of wasted taxpayer dollars and countless attempts to halt the technological advances of Microsoft, the Department of Justice and 9 attorneys general have agreed to settle the case.

So whats the hold up?

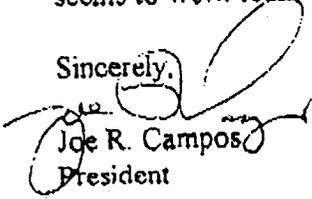
Could it be that Microsoft's competitors are shaking in their corporate boots because they have not kept up with the rapidly moving technology market and are doing everything they can to bring Microsoft down to their level by thwarting a settlement?

It is ironic that Microsoft's competitors are leveling charges of unfair market practices when it is they who are practicing the worst kind of anti-competitive tactics. Instead of using their money to create new innovative products for the American consumer, they are throwing millions of dollars into lobbying efforts to bring innovation to a halt until they have time to "catch-up".

As a high-tech consumer, I find it disgusting that corporations who regularly oppose any type of government regulation by hiding behind the "free market" banner are suddenly calling for more government intervention.

I have a simple solution. Stop your whining. Get back to work producing new and innovative products that consumers want to purchase. That's™ what Microsoft has done. It seems to work for them.

Sincerely,


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