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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

While I am not happy that the federal government took three years to sue Microsoft in court, I am happy to see that the Attorney General has put an end to the case with a strong and binding agreement. I wholeheartedly applaud this decision.

Since a settlement was finally reached after three years of protracted and extremely costly court battles, it should be accepted and finalized as soon as possible. The agreement requires Microsoft to make its protocols and access mechanisms available to competitors; these are the protocols used in Windows' operating system products, and the mechanisms are used to encourage non-Microsoft products. The company also agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows.

Microsoft's tremendous contribution to the United States' economy, and that of the entire world for that matter, goes without saying and requires no elaboration. Not only will the settlement help our economy escape from its current slump, but it will also give Microsoft's competition a hand up. This is why the federal government should not pursue any litigation beyond this agreement. The company should now be left alone once and for all.

Sincerely,

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