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

I want to use this short letter to express my support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe the settlement is a good decision and will be a good development for consumers.

The agreement requires significant changes in the way Microsoft conducts its business. The changes include agreeing that if a third party's exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe any Microsoft intellectual property right, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. Like many of the other terms in this agreement, this is a significant concession. The government should view this as a good agreement for Americans

The settlement will also be good for the American economy. It will provide some certainty to the computer industry and give consumers more freedom in choosing the products they desire. So I believe this agreement is good for the public and should have continued support at the federal level.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum