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Judge Kollar-Kotelly  
c/o Renata Hesse  
U.S. Department of Justice  
601 "D" St., NW  
Suit 1200  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

Over the last several years I have watched with interest as the federal government and others have sued the Microsoft Corporation for various reasons. I greatly appreciate that your court has opened the door for comment on the proposed settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case.

In December I wrote a letter to your colleague in Maryland, Judge Motz encouraging him to approve a settlement reached by Microsoft and the Product Pricing Class Action suit. I am encouraging you to accept the settlement of this anti-trust case for many of the same reasons I outlined in my letter to Judge Motz.

This agreement brings to an end an anti-trust case that is already over four years old and if it is not settled soon threatens many more years of unnecessary litigation. This would be a continued drain on our already overloaded court system. From what I have read the Bush Department of Justice, the nine states that approved the settlement and Microsoft all consider this settlement to be a fair one. I understand that it addresses those items of the lawsuit which have been upheld in other courts.

As one who was surprised by the federal and state government decision to go after Microsoft in the first place and I am further surprised that some are not satisfied with this settlement. If this settlement is approved Microsoft will be required to share its intellectual and technological property. Additionally, a committee will be in charge of making sure that Microsoft is complying with all aspects of this settlement.

The settlement of this case is long overdue and it appears that the agreement on the table is the best for all involved. I urge you to support this settlement.

Sincerely,

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Mary Douglass Brown, Former Member  
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