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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Early in last November, the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation came to an agreement in the three-year-old antitrust lawsuit. I believe that the terms of the settlement are reasonable, and I am therefore lending my support to the agreement that puts an end to this lengthy and extremely costly litigation.

Microsoft did not get just a slap on the wrist, as evidenced by the fact, that the company has been forced to turn over substantial portions of its intellectual property to its competitors. Microsoft will share with its competitors, information about how Windows interacts with other programs and will not retaliate against vendors who sell or use non-Microsoft products. Furthermore, as part of the settlement, Microsoft will be supervised by a technical committee, consisting of three software engineers who will test Microsoft's compliance with certain aspects of the agreement.

I understand also, that other terms were agreed upon that were never even an issue in the antitrust lawsuit. Microsoft, however, accepted those terms based on the view that the United States economy is far more important than pursuing arguments over less significant details.

I completely support the settlement, and would like to go on record as doing so.

Sincerely,

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