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

I don't feel that the government has been fair to Microsoft from the start. I think the government should keep its nose out of the affairs of business and leave free enterprise alone. In my opinion there are many more important issues for the government to spend their time and taxpayer money on.

Microsoft does a lot for this country, giving charity, and providing jobs. The government should reward companies that do so well, not attack them for simply making a better product. I hope that the settlement of this case will discourage government from doing things like this from now on. Nonetheless, the terms of the settlement are fair especially considering Microsoft is conceding much more than necessary in my opinion. They should not have to disclose internal interfaces and give away other technological information as they have agreed to do.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and it's nice to know that my opinion will be counted, along with the many others that support Microsoft and want to see the government stay out of business affairs.

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clifford Cashman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clifford Cashman