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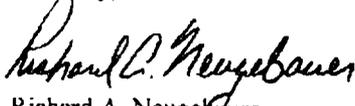
Dear Ms. Hesse:

I would like to express to you and Judge Kollar-Kotelly my support for a settlement between the United States government and Microsoft.

I am the owner of Alaskan Oil, Inc., a company employing 125+ people located in upstate New York. Being involved in a highly regulated business, I am all too accustomed to the high pressures of doing business within an industry permeated with government regulation. I believe we do not need to add the high-tech sector to the list of over-regulated industries. The last thing the current economy needs are government lawyers and bureaucrats micromanaging the high-tech sector.

It is my understanding that the antitrust laws were designed to protect consumers, not for some powerful companies to protect themselves from market competition. Microsoft competitors such as AOL, Time Warner and Oracle should stop encouraging the government to fight their battles for them in court and fight in the marketplace instead.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Neugebauer
President