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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing to express my happiness about the Microsoft antitrust settlement. I believe that the government should accept the settlement and allow Microsoft and the industry as a whole to move on.

Microsoft did not get off easy by any stretch of the imagination. The Company agreed to terms that had nothing to do with the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, as well as the original claims of the suit. Disclosing intellectual property for competitors is a great example of these extensive additional terms.

Now the government needs to accept the settlement after it doggedly negotiated it. Once the settlement is agreed to, Microsoft and the whole industry will be able to move on and capture the economic position that they once enjoyed.

Sincerely,


Steve Scott