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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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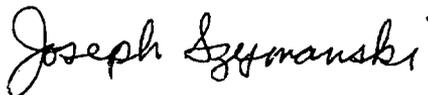
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am a staunch supporter of Microsoft. As such I believe that the current actions against Microsoft by the federal government have been frivolous. Microsoft has gotten to where it is by creating a better product, not by anti-competitive behavior. In any case the issue as it stands needs to be resolved immediately. The settlement reached last November seems to be fair and reasonable. Therefore, it seems to me that there is no longer any need for litigation as many of Microsoft competitors are advocating.

There are many provisions within the current settlement that will give Microsoft's competitors a significant advantage. In the settlement, there are many terms that Microsoft has agreed to that extend beyond the original scope of the lawsuit. Microsoft did this simply for the sake of wrapping up this case. In short the current settlement has forced Microsoft to alter many of its products, services and business practices to make it easier on its competitors. A technical committee will verify all of this. This is quite enough. I see no more need for an extension of the lawsuit.

I ask that the current settlement be implemented without further delay. The economy has slowed and it is time we allow the IT industry to get back on its feet. Please direct your efforts towards resolving this issue as fast as possible.

Sincerely,



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