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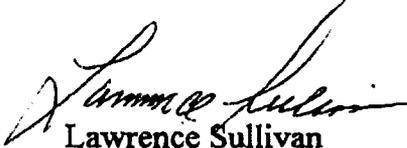
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you today with the Microsoft settlement on my mind. The recent developments have caused me to wonder why we are wasting more time on this issue. After three years of negotiations, it seems ridiculous to continue to scrutinize this well thought out agreement. I believe that it is time to move forward and that we should support our technology industry in any way we can.

Microsoft has agreed to make bold changes in licensing and marketing and even design. By designing future versions of Windows for easier installation of non-Microsoft software, we open up the market for the Microsoft competitors. This is clearly a move toward working as a more unified IT sector. At this point in time, Microsoft believes that by moving forward we can continue to maintain our position in the global market. By continuing to focus on litigation, we only move backwards and jeopardize our advancement in this global market.

Let us help to keep America's technology industry on top, by supporting this settlement. The terms clearly promote working together and can only help our IT sector. I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Lawrence Sullivan