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Re: Public comment (Microsoft case settlement) that under the
Tunney Act must be considered before the settlement is accepted.

Dear Mrs. Hesse:

I have been a Software engineer for the last 19 years. I am not
working nor have never worked for any of Microsoft's competitors.

I would like to respectfully request that you reconsider the grave
anticompetitive consequences of the proposed Microsoft settlement
by the Justice Department. The settlement evidently grants
Microsoft its operating system monopoly with wording such that it
would no longer be illegal for Microsoft to maintain its monopoly.
In my view, and that of most of my colleagues, the settlement is a
travesty of justice, an ill-advised embarrassment that flings down
and dances upon the law and upon all but the most twisted notions
of justice.

If this administration does not show now that it is capable of
acting with forceful determination, then I have no doubt that
Microsoft will be emboldened and will push its bullying practices
to new heights. I also have no doubt that our government will
someday have to revisit this ugly problem. It will then be facing
a much more powerful behemoth that has leveraged its way into
other market segments, making the search for an effective remedy
an almost hopeless task (short of reconsidering a breakup --
again). As a software developer I am outraged: Microsoft's
continued leverage of their illegal and ill-gotten monopoly on the
desktop has now positioned the company to extend its control to
the Internet. As a citizen I am dismayed: the continued
indifference of this administration will ultimately lead to a
monolithic entity controlling all relevant aspects of our cyber-
society. As a consumer I am saddened: we will face a world devoid
of choice in that arena. In the end, we will all have to pay the
price.

I would like to urge this administration to help foster a business
environment where healthy competition has a chance to innovate in
a truly level playing field-- where a nascent company will not be
crushed by illegal means because it chose to offer viable
alternatives to Microsoft's products-- where the reason the Open
Source software movement thrives is more than because it presents
no definable corporate target for Microsoft to shoot down. I would
like to plead with this administration to stop its apparent
indifference to the wrong-doings of large corporations and to
apply true remedies with real teeth when a corporation has been
found guilty of monopoly. I sincerely hope that the currently
unfolding Enron debacle will make this administration more
sensitive to the fact that tacitly supporting another large

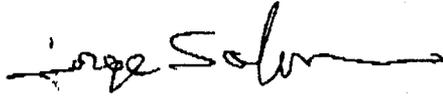
company practice, like Microsoft's, by turning a blind eye to its illegal business practices will ultimately carry an enormous price to our society.

You now have a historic opportunity to redress this and apply real remedies that will send the message that illegal business practices will not be tolerated any more.

I urge you to act now, decisively, and with justice on behalf of our future. I want to believe that you will do the right thing.

I really wish to thank you for your time and for considering my views.

Sincerely-



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