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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As I read the paper and realize the state of our economy, I am a bit disturbed by the recent developments in the Microsoft settlement. After three years of negotiations, it was about time we reached an agreement that helped to get our IT sector moving forward. Now, the technology industry may have to suffer through further discussion of this meticulously planned settlement, while the global market gets more and more competitive.

It is time to move forward and let the technology industry get back to business. All parties involved are ready to use these terms as new guidelines in order to move on. These extremely productive terms include new developments in licensing, marketing, and even design. All of which are beneficial to the consumer, the IT industry and our economy as a whole.

Let us support the advancement of our technology industry by stopping any further litigation in this matter. I appreciate your listening and your support.

Sincerely,

  
Ram Patil