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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It has come to my attention that a settlement has been reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I hope that this case will finally be resolved. I am convinced that the Clinton administration targeted Microsoft to pacify the self-serving whining of competitors and their supporting politicians / lobbyists.

It does not seem to me that Microsoft is getting off easy like some would contend. The agreement to grant computer makers new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft programs

and the establishment of a three person monitor committee is very significant in our "free enterprise" business society. Microsoft competitors should be very happy — they will not be subject to the above restrictions.

I realize your Justice Department did not initiate these actions against Microsoft; I hope your administration will conclude this matter quickly and fairly.

Sincerely,

James A. Collins