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A.G. John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

As a professional with personal experience in the software industry, I appreciate the role Microsoft has played in the success of the P.C. industry; therefore, the proposed government settlement is a welcome opportunity for all sides to end this agonizing process and focus on business again. The world is a better place because of the incredible contribution of the stable, user-friendly software platform that Microsoft has developed, so any further attempt to destroy this great company would be a mistake that will do severe damage to consumers everywhere.

From my understanding of the agreement, Microsoft has capitulated on several fronts. They are pledging to make it easier for computer manufacturers to mix and match software products on the Windows operating system, while offering a simplified cost structure for its licensing and no obligations to distribute or promote Microsoft technologies. Competing companies will gain access to the internal interfaces and server protocols of Windows products, with the added opportunity to license its technologies.

With the constant review of a three-person technical committee of software experts, compliance should be eminently verifiable and effective. Hence, there is no need for further action. Please accept this deal and let the I.T. industry get back to developing great products for the public. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Tomaszek".

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