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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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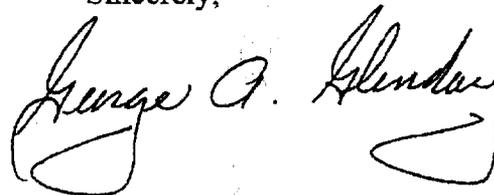
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust case settlement reflects the efforts of intense lobbying efforts on the part of Microsoft's competitors and the lack of concern for the public's best interests from the politicians. The antitrust case has been ridiculous from the beginning. Microsoft has been the leading innovator of technology over the last decade and became successful by developing the best product, not by having monopolistic tendencies.

The terms of the settlement force Microsoft to increase their cooperation with competitors, give up technological secrets to competitors, not enter in to third party agreements for exclusive distribution rights, nor retaliate against competitors who promote or develop new products, and grant broad new rights to computer makers to configure windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. These concessions and more make up very harsh terms for a company that played by the rules our capitalist society laid down for it.

Although I think the settlement is flawed, I must support its implementation since I think that further litigation would be even more detrimental to our nation's IT Sector and economy. I urge your office to support the settlement and to what you can to get the nine states that currently want to continue this ludicrous dispute to do so as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George A. Glendon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.