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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wish to express my frustration at the fact that it has taken three years for the U.S. Department of Justice to complete its antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. My hope is that our nation's economic climate will be greatly improved from this computer giant returning its full focus back to innovation.

Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This will make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Consumers will have the freedom to choose to change their configuration at any time.

Microsoft does not get off easily. The settlement came after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The parties agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, to the benefit of Microsoft's competitors. I think Microsoft's competitor cannot complain for any valid reason.

Therefore, any further federal lawsuits against Microsoft would be considered by most to nothing more than pure harassment. Free enterprise should reign supreme in our American homeland.

Sincerely,



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