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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I write you today in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I support the settlement that was reached in November, and I sincerely hope there will be no need for further action against Microsoft.

This settlement was reached after extensive negotiations. Microsoft has agreed to carry out all terms, including terms that extend well beyond the original issues of this lawsuit. Microsoft has agreed to share more information with other companies, such as various internal interfaces in Windows and any protocols implemented in a Windows operating system product. It will also change licensing agreements to make them more advantageous to hardware manufacturers.

This settlement will serve in the best and greatest public interest. Please support this settlement so Microsoft can focus all their resources on designing innovative software. Thank you very much.

Very Sincerely Yours,



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