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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W.
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a resident of Mukilteo, Washington, all that happens at Microsoft directly affects my family. We have watched this company provide jobs, build a solid economy for our area and give people a software product par excellence. As a financial planner, I have watched retirement portfolios drop in direct correlation to the price of Microsoft stock

The past three years have been very hard on our area well as America's economy. One of the major reasons for this was the antitrust suit against Microsoft.

I am in full support of any settlement that ends litigation against Microsoft. Continued legal action might have a disastrous affect. To get things moving in the right direction, Microsoft has agreed to give its competitors data that is sensitive to the internal design of Windows. This will allow companies to produce software that competes with Microsoft's, which will give consumers more of a choice.

I am in full support of this settlement, and encourage you to approve it as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Sarah E. "Sally" Jacobsen