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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wish to express to you my opinion regarding the Microsoft settlement reached in November. This settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see the antitrust dispute resolved permanently. Ending this dispute promptly would would be in the best interest of our country and all concerned.

The November settlement was reached after extensive negotiations. My understanding is that Microsoft has agreed to fully carry out all provisions outlined in this agreement. They also agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Furthermore Microsoft agreed to design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software.

This settlement is sufficient to deal with the issues of this lawsuit. Please support this settlement so we can focus our resources on more pressing issues. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Lester E. Weaver