

*Helen Valsamakis
22081 Susan Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-8305
(714) 965-1956*

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

January 11, 2002

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter so that I may go on record as supporting the decision of the Justice Department to settle the antitrust suit with Microsoft. I am pro-business and pro-competition, and as such, I support any settlement that will end this senseless litigation process against Microsoft.

I feel that the government needs to take a hands-off approach to private enterprise, so I am relieved that the settlement includes checks and balances that will help keep the government out of future legal battles with Microsoft. A three-person technical oversight committee has been set up to monitor Microsoft's compliance with the terms of the settlement. This committee consisting of three experts in software engineering will assist with dispute resolution, which keeps all parties out of court. If there is any company that feels that Microsoft is not complying with any provision in the settlement, they will be able to lodge a complaint with the DOJ or the technical committee.

I fully support the settlement, and hope that all future disputes that put an unnecessary strain on the economy will avoid the courtroom.

