

January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I recently learned of the proposed settlement agreement reached in the Federal government's antitrust case against Microsoft. I see no reason why not to implement the agreement immediately upon close of the comment period and bring an end to this litigation.

Microsoft has agreed to a more level playing field in the future, and now should be able to get back to the business of developing new innovations. A number of Microsoft's concessions will promote greater consumer choice and competition in the computer industry, but I feel the most significant is Microsoft's agreement to allow computer makers the option of installing Windows operating systems which are reconfigured so as to allow the use of non-Microsoft software programs.

I hope that you will stick to this agreement in its present form and take the necessary steps to see that it is implemented immediately.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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