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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern and:
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I am concerned with the length of duration of the judgment as proposed in the Proposed Final Judgment against Microsoft. Microsoft has shown a contempt for consent decrees and judgments in the past and based on past experience will probably do so again.

I am alarmed at the impunity in which Microsoft acts in the information and technology spheres. It would seem to me that Microsoft is attempting to usurp the constitutional powers of the United States Government - is not disregarding the rule of law such an action? Should Microsoft not abide by a decree or judgment until it is overturned or nullified rather that continuing business as usual while the wheels of justice turn? To contain such activities, I've constructed an example of an alternative duration of Judgment. Bear in mind that I am not a lawyer.

// Duration of Final Judgment
This Final Judgment shall remain in force until Microsoft has been judged, by
the tripartite oversight committee and the court of jurisdiction, to have maintained compliance with this document (final judgment document) for an initial 5 years and for 2
additional years for each adjudged infringement of the controls in this document. Each adjudged infringement of the controls in the Final Judgment document, by Microsoft or it's entities, shall also have a financial penalty assessed. Such financial penalty is to be determined by a schedule of penalties
determined by the tripartite committee and the court of jurisdiction. The penalties shall in no way deprive lawful entities under the jurisdiction of the United States of America of their civil right to suit.

I am a Citizen of the United States of America and I wish to remain in command of my rights and liberties as guaranteed under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights including all statutory and common law rights. I pray that the Department of Justice will protect these rights by ensuring we have a free and competitive market in information as well as other technologies.

Sincerely,

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