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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Accept the Current Microsoft Case Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam,
I would like my opinion to be considered for the Microsoft case. I believe the current settlement is fair and urge you to settle this case now. I believe continuation of this litigation is harmful to both the software industry and the economy.

By continuing to add features and functionality to Windows, Microsoft has advanced the PC platform while reducing the costs to the consumer. Furthermore, I believe that Microsoft's ability to add features to the operating system only creates parity with other firms that also incorporate new functionality within the operating system itself, namely Apple's OS X and various versions of Linux. I believe the states that continue to oppose the settlement are only trying to achieve a settlement windfall for Microsoft competitors within their states, however, at a significant cost to the high-tech industry and overall economy.

That being said, I do believe that Microsoft's dominance in the desktop PC operating system market creates a disadvantage for competitors and thus warrants some restrictions in order for other companies to be given a chance to compete. These include the requirement for Microsoft to include some other companies' products within Windows as an alternative to Microsoft products. This requirement is covered within the existing settlement.

This continued litigation is damaging one of our countries great corporations and I believe a fair and equitable settlement has been proposed. As such, I urge you to settle this case now. The only winner in this continued litigation is the legal profession.

Thanks,
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