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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern:

This my public comment under the Tunney Act.

I am OPPOSED to the revised proposed Final Judgement to resolve the United States' civil antitrust case against Microsoft as it currently is formulated (11/06/2001).

The proposed remedies are entirely inadequate to resolve ongoing anti-competitive practices by
Microsoft with regard to the development and marketing of software competing with the Windows Operating System. Of particular importance is that no provision is made to prevent Microsoft's efforts to subvert the development and distribution of free and open software that competes with Windows. Microsoft is using its many entangling End User License Agreements for both its applications (such Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office, etc) and SDKs (software development kits, necessary in many cases for practical development of applications to be used with or to compete with Windows) to REQUIRE that the End User to only use the application software on a Microsoft licensed operating system. This is blatant product tying to the monopoly Windows OS with the direct consequence of preventing the distribution of legal competing products.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed,

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