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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I hope you can settle this suit ASAP. It has gone on to long and continued litigation is harmful to our economy, due to the disruptions in the software industry.

Microsoft is guilty of only trying to put the best product on the market. I've been a software user for over 20 years now and have never felt I was forced to use only a Microsoft version of a program.

I have tried several others over the years and have always returned to Microsoft versions, because they are better. Would you want to be forced to buy a KIA vs: a Toyota?. Netscape was a big thing. I tried it for two years and the switched back to MSN. I use earthlink as my browser and not MSN's browser. This was a conscious decision and executed in a free market. I did not fell forced to use MSN's browser.

Did breaking up AT&T really help us? We don't know where we are getting our long distance service most of the time. And rates for LD phone service?? You could write another book about that.

Why don't you devote your efforts to clarifying the up and down fluctuations of the oil and gas market? That would be something the consumer would really be interested in.

These state attorney generals are just looking for political headlines so they can be considered for state governors jobs. What is the average consumer really going to get out of a settlement penalizing Microsoft? Look at the Ag'S track records. How many governors were previously AG's?

Please give us a break and end this Microsoft "witch hunt" now.

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