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Dear Attorney Hesse:

I write in support of the settlement for the U.S. v. Microsoft case. The settlement will end damaging litigation that has harmed consumers and dampened innovation among technology companies. It is time to end the litigation and to encourage new economic opportunities for technology companies as well as provide investments in education.

Having worked as educator for more than 30 years, I know how important it is to encourage creativity and new ideas. Allowing technology companies the opportunity to innovate and integrate products without government interference will benefit all of us. This is a time when we need to encourage innovation and get our economy moving forward. Settlement of this case would be an important step in that direction.

As a consumer, I need to be able to get affordable software that I can rely on. Microsoft products are easy to use and allow integration of several software programs for consumers who do not have a lot of experience with computer programs.

Sincerely,

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