

MTC-00007630

From: Rodney Haas
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:56pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom this may concern,

Frankly I cannot believe this lawsuit lasted this long. There is no question that an excessive and unfair settlement will further destroy the software business. Microsoft has been the driving force for bringing the price of both software and hardware down.

Microsoft not only has not hurt the consumer, but has radically helped.

You only need to look @ apple as a comparison. Apple has indeed harmed the consumer with unreasonably high prices. Apple has clearly harmed innovation except for the chosen few. Microsoft has in fact had open and published interfaces to their software for years. I have used this interface many times to extend my vertical market applications. This has allowed me to add massive power to my applications without having to charge my clients.

In closing I would highly suggest that you focus your energy on something else. While some of Microsoft's competitors have been hurt, must are far to large to even qualify under the monopoly protections. Companies like Netscape were clearly not hurt selling for more than 4 billion dollars. Many other companies that have gone away, have done so because of bad UI, marketing and faulty feature sets.

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From: Beckers
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:56pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ et al:

Please help stop the feeding frenzy at Microsoft and consumers' expense. Microsoft delivers fairly sophisticated products at reasonable prices, and do not manufacture hardware other than basic peripherals such as keyboards. We need them creating superior products to help balance our trade deficit. Instead, you might want to investigate "proprietary" software products by companies who really want to prevent the establishment of industry standards and protocols.

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From: Richard Paietta
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:57pm
Subject: The Settlement

Dear Sirs:

This suit should have never been undertaken in the first place. It was done by the previous administration for the benefit of Microsoft's competition. At no time was the public hurt or at issue in this case. This action has cost the taxpayers millions of dollars for the benefit of a few (e.g. AOL, Sun, Etc). Not only has this cost the American taxpayer in dollars that could have been spent elsewhere it has cause the present

downturn in our economy. DOJ was right in settling the issue and the remaining 9 states that are home to Microsoft's competition should be forced to settle. This was a case of bad law and the legal system showing its worst side. There is no excuse for the Federal Government having to act as the protector of Microsoft's competition. The law was put on the books for the protection of the public. The market place in a free economy determines who stays in business and who does not. This suit has also cost many of us who have invested in Microsoft for their retirement. What do you intend to do to help, since this has cost many large sums of their retirement investments. Settle the case and ask to judge to force a resolution with the hold out states. It is time that DOJ corrected the mistakes of the past administration.

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From: Babafar@aol.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:57pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please settle with Microsoft and end this litigation. The settlement is fair and reasonable to all parties. It will be good for the economy. Thank you.

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From: Maverick775@cs.com@inetgw
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Date: 1/2/02 10:58pm
Subject: microsoft settlement

Please settle this case ASAP. I am very tired of disgruntled companies who are not capable of competing on their own trying to use the courts to further their position in the world of tough competition. I thought capitalism is what made us a free enterprise nation, and competition is what enables the best of the best to help build this country on a world wide basis. I still do not understand why the previous administration wanted to punish a remarkable company like Microsoft. Let's get on with life, stop wasting taxpayers money and let the best companies win. That's what it is all about.

Michael D. Arndt

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From: Jerome Montez
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:59pm
Subject: Settlement

My opinion on this case is leave private enterprizes alone the goverment should stay out of it all they manage to do is drive up prices for the consumer

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From: EthelGee@aol.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:59pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I think the Microsoft settlement is appropriate and should be enacted.

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From: Marx Heller
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:58pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I would like to know who determined that the break up of Microsoft would be in the consumers best interest. I would bet it came from a disgruntled competitor like Netscape. Surely it could not have come from the same people that thought that breaking up AT&T was good for the consumer. I feel that to penalize Microsoft for continuing to develop new technology is wrong. It sends a message to others that may want to develop and market a product, that if they get too big or too popular and the competition can no longer provide an equal quality product for a competitive price, that someone will sue them and try to destroy what they have done. If I am successful, the government will take away that success. Enough is enough! Why is it that the courts have recommended a settlement and Microsoft has agreed to it, that their are still those that oppose that settlement. They seem intent on destroying Microsoft. How much do those people give back to the people responsible for their success? How much do they give to charity? How much? I feel that if Microsoft continues to come under assault, that the inevitable result will be less new innovation and new technology and higher prices to pay for it. I am sorry, but my idea of the American Way is not to Pay more for less!

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I VOTE!!

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From: Zelia Compton
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 10:59pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please settle now.

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From: Gus407@aol.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 1/2/02 11:00pm
Subject: Settlement

In all of this litagation, I have never seen one consumer come forward and actually state that the packages that Microsoft bundled together hurt them. I for one am glad Microsoft put these programs together on my computer. If I would have had to go out and purchase these programs separately, I probably would not have a computer today.

Thank You;
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From: Bruzer703@aol.com@inetgw
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Date: 1/2/02 11:00pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am a middle class worker, saving for retirement...with a fair amount of Microsoft stock in my portfolio. Ever since the Reno/ Clinton "Justice" Department abused Microsoft through the courts, I have had my retirement portfolio abused also. The settlement has been accepted by DOJ and Microsoft, our nation's economy has already