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Honorable Judge J. Frederick Motz
H.S. District Court for the
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Settlement in Microsoft Class Action Suit

Dear Judge Motz:

I urge the court to accept the proposal that Red Hat, Inc. made in response to the settlement.

My company has no direct interest in this case. We are software developers who have been observing the actions of computer related companies for some years. Our computers run Red Hat Linux software. As a result, we have saved thousands of dollars. Red Hat's proposal is, in our opinion, the best for all concerned, except, perhaps, for Microsoft Corp.

In this consideration, please let the Court note that open source software permits students to see how software works, not just that

Thank you for inviting comments.

Sincerely,

Alan Lake