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Dear Mr. Barksdale:

After reading your op-ed in the Washington Post, we wanted to send you an appropriate present to go along with the whining you continue to do about Microsoft. Although you label yourself and Netscape as a victim of Microsoft, most people would think you did pretty well when you sold to AOL Time Warner for \$10 billion.

It is clear that this case was always about Microsoft's competitors like you and these other companies wanting the government to protect you from competing with Microsoft.

Now the Department of Justice and a number of the state attorneys have reached a reasonable settlement with Microsoft. It has received the support of countless members of Congress on both sides of the aisle and by newspapers across the country.

Arriving shortly will be a case of real California wine. I hope you enjoy my case of wine more than consumers enjoy your case of whine. And I hope the companies on whose boards you serve realize that only they can develop the new technologies consumers demand. Not judges and politicians in Washington.

Cheers,