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Federal Trade Commission
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Room H-159
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Washington, D.C. 20580
E-Mail: Secretary@ftc.gov



RE: *In the Matter of Microsoft, File No. 012-3240*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) hereby supports the Consent Order entered into between the Commission and Microsoft Corporation in File No. 012 3240 and strongly urges the Commission to adopt the Consent Order as a Final Order.

CompTIA is the world's largest trade association in the information technology and communications sector. CompTIA represents over 11,000 hardware and software manufacturers, distributors, retailers, Internet, telecommunications, IT training and other service companies in over 70 countries.

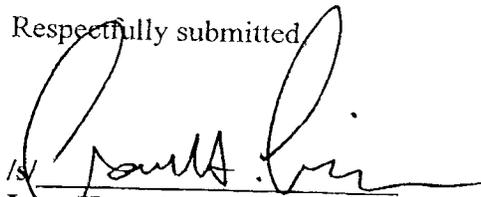
The Complaint in this matter raises concerns of great interest to CompTIA and its membership. Security failures and compromises to privacy protections on the Internet pose a threat to consumer confidence and therefore to the entire medium of online commerce.

The Consent Order with Microsoft effectively deals with the issues surrounding Microsoft's Passport services and insures that consumers are provided with full and accurate information regarding security and privacy. We are particularly supportive of the requirements contained in Section II of the Consent Order which obligate Microsoft to establish and maintain a comprehensive security information program. As an industry leader, Microsoft's development of such a program will likely spur other participants in the industry to similarly improve their security and privacy performance. This will have a positive effect on the IT industry and will protect and enhance the benefits realized by consumers and businesses using the Internet.

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In sum, the Consent Order effectively addresses the concerns raised in the Complaint and represents a fair settlement that will benefit consumers and the IT industry as a whole. We support the Consent Order and its adoption as a Final Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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