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Dear Mr. Mundie,

We are contacting you on behalf of .NET Micro Framework community - including OEMs, partners, evangelists and enthusiasts. We are more than happy that the Micro Framework as one of the most relevant Microsoft technologies today will join the .NET Framework product group. We believe that this step will show the whole .NET initiative as the true “sensors to servers” effort.

No matter how passionate we are about this transition, we still have some concerns. This significant change to the future of the Micro Framework seems to have been done literally “overnight” and the way that Microsoft informed us about it leaves us very uncertain. Independent resources like ZDnet, came up with this important information prior to Microsoft itself and it seems that Microsoft has only argued about journalists speculations without giving a clear statement. If the community involvement in the development process of .NET Micro Framework has to be bigger, then we would expect at least partners and OEMs to be well informed. Another thing that feeds our doubts about the elaborate strategy is the fact that the license bundle was a prize for winners of the ambitious Dare to Dream Different challenge and by making the Micro Framework royalty free, basically renders the prize worthless.

During this period of uncertainty, it gives place to speculation that a large number of experienced members from the Micro Framework team are not part of the mentioned transition. We have concerns that this may affect the quality of the support for customers who purchased the porting license.

All items mentioned above, feed rumors and doubts that Microsoft is not one hundred percent confident in its will to support the Micro Framework. For many of us the presence of a big respectable company behind the Micro Framework was the main reasons to choose it as a platform for our products. Since our business relies on the Micro Framework we are shocked that Microsoft has not released an official communication about speculation of future withdrawal from the market.

We were hoping to rely on you not only as the Microsoft representative but mainly as one of the intellectual fathers of .NET Micro Framework in Microsoft Research. We would like to kindly ask you shed some more light on the current situation and post some official statement about the future of .NET Micro Framework. Evangelists among us can ensure you that on the sessions and exhibitions related to embedded technologies, the Micro Framework draws the most attention out of the Windows Embedded family. That's why we believe that Microsoft should demonstrate more support to this promising and innovative product. As a community we would be happy and willing to participate in discussions about future of the .NET Micro Framework.

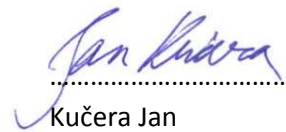
Please note that this letter is considered as open and it will be publicly accessible on community resources.

Thank you for your statement in advance and with kindest regards.

On behalf of .NET Micro Framework community



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