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Mr. Jon Reid
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

Concerning the Justice Department's eBook settlement, as an author I ask that you please consider the proposed settlement. It is not in the best interest of the public in that it endangers bookstores that are already having a difficult enough time. Even so, brick-and-mortar bookstores remain popular, well-frequented places for the public to peruse and purchase books.

As writers, we try to do everything we can to encourage READING, significantly the reading of hard-copy books. The proposed settlement encourages online monopolists and discourages competition among e-book vendors and e-book device developers. The settlement needs to be rethought, and modified.

Please take the time to re-examine this issue further.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

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