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To: Read, John
Subject: Department of Justice e-book price fixing lawsuit

Dear Mr. Read:

I am writing to you to express my opinion that the price fixing lawsuit against all of the plaintiffs should be dropped by the Department of Justice. I do not presently work, nor have I ever worked, for any of the publishers named in the lawsuit, nor do I now, or have I ever, worked for Amazon.

I believe that the Department of Justice should turn its attention to Amazon, a company that seeks to create a monopoly by underselling all other legitimate sellers of books. It does so to lock in readers to books of both print and e-book varieties, but also to gather and use information about consumers so that it can draw sales from other areas of the Amazon Web site.

In addition to its monopolistic tendencies, it clearly is running the equivalent of the modern day sweatshop. It was not until our local Allentown, PA paper, The Morning Call, wrote a series revealing the extremes of both heat and cold in their pick and pack warehouse that Amazon, faced with the adverse publicity of a local story that went national, decided to act to make that abominable situation more tolerable.

The Justice Department should also turn their attention to the hiring practices of Amazon as well. The "carrot" that is held out to temporary employees is that of a permanent position. Very few individuals become permanent employees. Ambulances staffed with medical personnel were a daily fixture at the warehouse. If anyone passed out or faltered due to physical exhaustion due to temperature extremes, the prospects of their employment continuing was remote. The list of temporary employees going through the revolving door of Amazon's employment grows daily.

I ask that you make your decision based on what is truly good for the American consumer. For the United States government to aid Amazon is its goal of creating a monopoly is not in the interests of American citizens or companies.

Sincerely,

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