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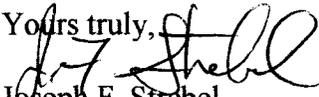
Dear Mr. Read:

I am writing in response to the invitation for public comments regarding the civil suit filed by the Department of Justice in April against the agency model pricing for e-books.

The agency model is the opposite of an example of anti-trust behavior. Prior to adoption of the model, one on-line supplier – by selling e-books below cost – had dominated the market. Since publishers employed the model, this domination decreased as publishers and independent booksellers entered the market as competitive suppliers of e-books.

The agency model for e-book pricing encourages competition and benefits consumers as well as small, independent businesses. If the Department of Justice settlement is approved and the agency model declared unlawful, competition will be stifled and one source will monopolize the e-book market to the detriment of consumers and the publishing industry.

Thank you for considering these facts.

Yours truly,

Joseph F. Streb