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Sent: Saturday, June 23, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]
Cc: Paul Aiken
Subject: Justice Department's proposed e-book settlement

Dear John Read,

I am writing to comment on the Justice Department's proposed e-book settlement. It is hard to understand how anyone could conclude that there is a greater threat of monopoly from Amazon than from book publishers. You have mistaken David for Goliath. I would very much like to know what went on behind the closed door when this decision was taken. I urge you not to take an action that could destroy literary culture in this country. Customers may be served in the short run by cheaper books but there is little doubt in my mind that Amazon will increase prices in the future, once they have squashed competition.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Banks

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