

June 20, 2012

Dear John R. Read, Esq.,

This communication is in regards to United States v. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY). Comments on Proposed Final Judgment as to Defendants Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster and the proposed monopoly you are attempting to sanction. As a devoted employee of the second largest brick-and-mortar book retailer in the nation, Books-A-Million, I am vehemently opposed to this action and I wish to let you and the US Department of Justice know that I, my company, and the industry intend to make a difference on this critical issue. If this were to go through your actions would completely upend a grand, timeless, treasured, and priceless cultural amenity that cannot be replaced once it is gone. I would ask that you, as a cultured individual, think of the hours you have spent in bookstores and libraries, taking a journey through the world merely by browsing the shelves and stacks. This would all be gone forever if this succeeds and your children and grandchildren would thus be denied such pleasure. Please imagine a country with only one way to buy books, Amazon, and also what will happen when Amazon has no more competition. As a concerned benefactor of this industry as well as a citizen of the United States of America I beseech you to not let this judgment pass. I sincerely hope you consider the implications of this and have a change of heart.

Sincerely,


