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RE: U.S. vs. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY)

I want to add my voice to the literary choir who feels that you may be inadvertently missing the essential point, and in fact, may be helping Amazon become a monopoly which you may ultimately be forced to deal with, but sadly after the literary marketplace has been plundered.

A healthy, intelligent country needs a healthy, vital literary culture via a competitive and healthy book market. As a writer and new author, who is seeing firsthand how essential having brick and mortar stores are for the nurturing of new literary blood, whose work must be given the opportunity to be literally seen, I fear for the future of all intelligent thought and the dedication it takes to create such thought on the page if that vital book culture market is cornered by an entity who can, seemingly, price fix book and mortar competition out of the market themselves, by losing money for all in short term to gain unfair dominance in the long term.

In other words, a DOJ of an enlightened 21st century capitalistic society can surely understand what is at stake here and I hope that the arguments are broadly heard and not narrowly heard. There's so much more here at stake than just simple pricing. I know you all are readers and that gives me great comfort in your openness to grasp the true argument.

Gratefully,

Lynda Rutledge