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Subject: nited States v. Apple, Inc. et al., No. 12-CV-2826(DLC) (S.D.N.Y.) – Comments on Proposed Final Judgment as to Defendants Hachette, HarperCollins, and Simon & Schuster
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Name: Joanne (Jody) Sharp
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Text of your email: Dear Mr. Read:

I am a long time consumer of books, having started reading them back when the only devices available were Palm Pilots. I spend close to \$600 per year on digital books and we digital readers have been treated poorly by publishers for years. They have been slow to digitize books and haphazard in their selection. When they finally did make digital copies available, they would "window" them, meaning paper books would be released first and digital books would be released later, without any price reduction. The digital copies of their books are often poorly formatted, with serious errors, and often without color covers. Frankly, by the time they make the windowed copies available my interest in the title has often waned and I pass on acquiring the title.

Digital readers are also subjected to paying the same cost for digital books or sometimes even increased costs despite having far fewer rights. We can't lend the book to a family member or friend. We can't transfer a book from one device to another. We can't resell the book. Our own copyright rights as a reader are totally ignored under the ebook model and having to pay increased prices as a result of an improper conspiracy by the publishers is outrageous.

While I don't think the DOJ settlement does enough to protect readers and their rights, it is a step in the right direction. Therefore, please consider this email as support for the settlement.

Best regards,

Jody Sharp

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