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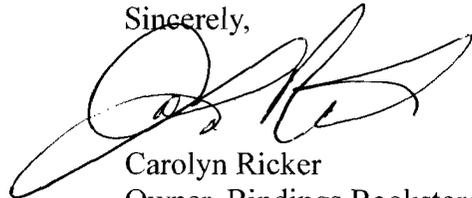
Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing to you on behalf of our bookstore staff to ask that you support the preservation of the agency model for the book selling industry. We strongly believe that the agency model has been good for all brick-and-mortar bookstores, good for publishing, and, most importantly, good for readers and book buyers. Since its introduction, the agency model has corrected a distortion in the market fostered by below-cost pricing, predominantly led by Amazon.com, the ultimate result of which is, we believe, to reduce or to eliminate competition among both retailers and publishers.

Small businesses are the backbone of American communities. We support our local economy and the consumers of our communities with our donations and our time. We are working hard to improve our neighborhoods and in some cases revitalize the challenged down-towns we work in to restore positivity in our villages, towns, states and nation. Allowing on-line "giants" to monopolize our industry undermines the spirit of capitalism and threatens our economic structure.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter and I have faith that you will make the best decision for citizens and businesses alike.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Ricker
Owner, Bindings Bookstore