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John Read, Chief
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Dear John Read,

I am writing regarding the "Competitive Reset Remedy" in the case settled by publishers with the DOJ as filed in the Southern District Court of New York City on April 25, 2012. The settlement remedy, in my view, is flawed. It will result, as currently written, in a two year period in which Amazon.com will be allowed, despite the agency model, again to deeply discount books BELOW COST. The publishers will be fine as they will continue to receive what they get now. But the booksellers who had nothing to do with the DOJ suit will be forced out of business. The long term result will be an amazon.com monopoly and the loss of bricks and mortar bookstores which are so important to the fabric of our culture.

Please reconsider the remedy and/or a three month or six month "Competitive Reset" period.

Sincerely,

Heather Cleary