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Hon. Eric Holder
Offices of the United States Attorney General
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder,

I am writing you in response to the Justice Department's inexplicable campaign to punish certain publishers and Apple over alleged price-fixing in electronic publishing.

I do not come casually to write this letter. I know just enough anti-trust law to be dangerous as I had the legendary Gordon Spivack as my professor of anti-trust over forty years ago at Yale Law School. But through the haze of time I still know predatory behavior when I see it. As they say, if it walks like a duck, talks like a duck, and looks like a duck, it must be a duck, and Amazon is a very predatory duck. The fact that you have spent tens of millions of taxpayer dollars on this litigation without acknowledging this fact suggests that your entire anti-trust division suffers from a severe form of legal myopia.

After you have succeeded in driving one or more publishers out of business and Amazon emerges from its "quiet period" in full monopolist mode, I hope you will not only file suit against their predatory behavior, but issue a public apology to readers, writers, publishers, and outraged former law students across America.

Sincerely yours,

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