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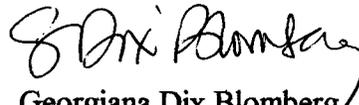
Dear Mr. Read,

It is incomprehensible that an agency devoted to breaking up trusts would take the action that yours has done against publishers attempting to stand up against the unilateral price fixing activities of Amazon.

Surely it is clear that one must look deeper than the banding of these five publishers and Apple, which you have found to be a violation of antitrust legislation, to the much larger and more egregious control of the entire book publishing industry by one major corporation, which is the result of disallowing the actions taken to combat this control by the parties you sued—both those with which you are now negotiating a settlement and those who will continue to fight the allegations of your department.

I write in firm support of Macmillan, Penguin, and Apple, who are continuing to stand up for their right to set prices above those dictated by one major godzilla firm trying to run the universe, and in firm opposition to the settlement negotiated between the Department of Justice and the three publishers Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins, and Hachette. We at Magnolia's Bookstore (and a huge majority of our community of customers) believe it is very clear that this settlement is NOT in the public interest, and we urge you not to approve it.

Most Sincerely,


Georgiana Dix Blomberg
Owner

cc: Thom Chambliss, PNBA
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