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regarding: United States v. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY). Comments on Proposed Final Judgment as to Defendants Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster.

Dear Mr. Read,

First, thanks much for tallying my remarks among others that will no doubt rehearse the very same arguments in exhaustive detail. So let me get to the point as briefly as I can: I agree wholeheartedly with the many sophisticated observers who argue that Amazon is the monopolist here, using its market dominance to the extraordinary detriment of brick-and-mortar bookstores and different, more honestly competitive models of the relationship between ebook sellers and publishers. The natural history of predatory monopolists is too well known to need repeating.

This is potentially as catastrophic a case in its own way as Citizen's United saying that corporations are "people" and money is "speech."

Please consider the lengthier and more sophisticated arguments *against* Amazon with intellectual care and legal imagination.

Sincerely,  
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