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Dear Mr. Read,

I am the author of over fifty traditionally published books for children and adults. I sincerely hope that the Department of Justice will rethink your proposed settlement on the United States v. Apple case. Your proposal has gone after the publishers, not AMAZON which has engaged in predatory pricing for years, effectively undercutting a traditional publisher's ability to make any money on books. Agency pricing brought real competition into the market and insured that at least some of our brick and mortar bookstores would remain solvent. Bookstores are a lifeline for authors. Amazon currently has far too much power in the marketplace. This means that they handle the front list sales for new books by underpricing them way below the hardcover list price while they also hold the backlist sales. The books it took me two or three years to write can sell on Amazon's used bookstore market for as little as \$1.00 and I don't see one penny of that money.

Please rethink your proposed settlement. Don't support the gorilla in this business. Keep publishers in business. Help keep some of our bookstores alive.

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