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To: John R. Read, Esq
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Re: 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 Sir:

I am an author that is writing to respectfully submit my objection to the proposed settlement that would allow Amazon to resume its predatory practices. By undercutting publishers, Amazon has been ultimately harming published authors who rely on royalties (percentages of publisher revenues) for the sale of their works. It is my strong belief that The Justice Department is sanctioning the destructive, anticompetitive campaign of a corporate giant (Amazon) who has billions in cash and boundless ambitions. In short, the Justice Department is intervening to help entrench a monopolist.

Both large commercial and independent bookstores play a vital role in our literary ecosystem, and the public has a strong interest in protecting them from predation. Companies like Amazon should not be allowed to monopolize an industry that relies on continued creativity and the mutual benefit of authors, readers, vendors and publishers alike. It is therefore my request that you stop this misguided intervention and allow publishers to do what they do best: produce, promote and sell the works of authors the public wishes to read, at prices which fit each publisher's individual business model.

Ultimately, the public will either accept or reject a publisher's pricing model, by affirming the value of a work(s) by paying the retail price, or by bypassing a work(s) in favor of another.

Thank you for allowing to express my views; I truly hope you will reconsider the DOJ's current position.

Sincerely,
Gina Clark