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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 Mr. Read:

Bookstores play a vital role in our literary ecosystem. It is in the public interest to protect them from predation by the corporate monopolist Amazon. Agency pricing by the publishers was a reaction to Amazon's specific anticompetitive provocation, and it brought real competition into the ebook marketplace. Agency pricing has given bookstores a fighting chance. The above-referenced proposal undermines healthy competition. I urge you to protect the public interest against the destructive campaign of a corporate giant.

Thank you,

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