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Subject: United States v. Apple, Inc. et al., No. 12-CV-2826(DLC) (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Sir,

I am writing in regards to *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.*

As author and illustrator of over 35 books for children, I am painfully aware of what is at stake if Amazon is allowed to target brick-and-mortar bookstores by underpricing their books. Independent bookstores are even more imperiled by such practices.

The agency model for pricing was a defensive act against Amazon's blatant attempt to gain market share by selling at a loss. Those of us whose livelihoods are dependent upon having our work widely available at competitive rates are extremely concerned about the monopoly that this judgement might allow Amazon to create.

The proposed settlement needs to be rethought and substantially modified.

Respectfully,

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