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**To:** Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]  
**Subject:** US vs Apple, Inc, et al.,12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY)

Dear Mr. Read,

As an avid reader since childhood, and as the author of around 35 books for children and young adults, I have spent many hours in brick and mortar bookstores, browsing, reading, discovering, and learning, and have been served well by bookstore staff members displaying and selling my own books both at conferences and in their stores at readings and other author events.

One of the likely results of the above- named suit, if successful, is the demise of bookstores and the loss of employment by their staffers. And the likely result of that is a loss to our culture of places where people from a variety of educational and economic backgrounds and with a variety of interests and purposes can spend time expanding their horizons, discovering new interests and pursuing old ones. In a world that is increasingly becoming mechanized and restricting people to encountering books in ways that prevent them from truly browsing, brick and mortar stores are vital in that they provide wider horizons than the Internet, for it is only in brick and mortar stores that people are able to actually hold, examine, and read a book before deciding to purchase it, and can more easily compare it to others.

Sincerely,

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