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Dear Sir:

It is vital for the well-being of writers, booksellers, readers and the free market that the Justice Department forbid Amazon to resume the predatory pricing that allowed it to capture 90% of the e-book market while undermining its offline competition. Many great, emerging authors will be lost to the public if bookshops are forced to close their doors.

When I began to publish novels eighteen years ago there were several small bookshops near my house and I shopped in all of them. Now there is one: Barnes and Nobles. If even they have to close their doors, I will have nowhere to browse and shop.

I am also an author and have published several books. We are all barely hanging on! Don't let the future Pulitzer Prize winners be lost! I buy from Amazon...but they are one place to buy. Let's keep it that way for the sake of literature!

Sincerely,

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