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Subject: Preserving agency model pricing of electronic books

Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing to urge the Department of Justice to preserve the agency model for the pricing of electronic books.

If we lose this model, we will likely lose our local independent bookstores in communities throughout the country. This would be an incalculable loss to our local economies, to our local culture, & to our democracy. Our local independent bookstores are an irreplaceable source of community life & democratic discussion: our nation's political welfare as a democracy demands that you protect them from the predation of monopolies like Amazon which, left unfettered, would soon be in control of essentially all the nation's publishing & distribution. This kind of monopoly has no place in a democratic society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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