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Subject: Decisions regarding Amazon's control over the sale of ebooks

To whom it may concern, other than myself,

It has come to my attention that independent book stores will suffer from a decision to suspend the agency plan as it relates to the sale of ebooks. It would be with my great dismay to see the consequential closing of independent stores. As has been noted by sales, Amazon benefits greatly from the existence of these establishments where people can experience personal interaction with knowledgeable sales people and have hands-on interaction with books. It would be a disservice to a community to handicap the ability of the independent stores to make a profit due to concessions made for the benefit of Amazon and their proprietary Kindle.

I recently purchased books from The Harvard Book Store, Cambridge, MA and McLean and Eakin, Petoskey, MI. I am sincerely hope my enjoyment of these stores is not jeopardized.

The quote below was taken from the ABA records.

"ABA asks that the final consent decree not require publishers to drop the agency plan as a condition of settlement. If there was collusion in the market, DOJ and the court should punish those colluders. A two-year hiatus from the agency plan will not punish any alleged colluders. It will only punish indie booksellers and other e-book distributors who entered the market after the Agency Model was adopted by changing the terms of their business arrangement in a way that facilitates below cost-pricing by power buyer, and likely leading to a monopoly for that buyer."

Please do not ignore the potentially dire future consequences associated with this decision.

Sincerely,

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