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

Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing to express my views on the proposed ebook settlement in U.S. vs. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY). The settlement as proposed is not in the public interest. It serves to solidify Amazon's position as a monopoly in the ebook and book market, and undermines the good faith effort of publishers to address Amazon's monopolistic practices. It is not in the public interest to protect Amazon's right to sell ebooks below cost. This practice on the part of Amazon has put publishers, bookstores and authors at a distinct disadvantage. The end result of Amazon's pricing practices and any government protection of them will be further loss of bricks-and-mortar bookstores and reduced revenue to publishers and authors. It is not in the public interest to protect practices that are designed to put bookstores out of business and enable Amazon to become a monopoly with full control of book distribution and pricing.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Towler

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