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Subject: Agency Model

Dear Mr. Read,

I have been working at a small bookstore called Mclean and Eakin in Petoskey, Michigan for about a year now. One of the biggest improvements we've made since opening has been the selling of ebooks. Through ebooks, we can reach customers from all over the country. It allows us to sell year-round to people who usually can only come during the summer. This boosts our sales, which in turn helps our local economy. In the twenty years our store has been open, we've donated over \$106,000 back to our community, mostly to schools and libraries. Michigan needs that money in these hard economical times.

The only reason we've been able to sell ebooks is the Agency Model. Without it, I believe Amazon will once again have the monopoly in that field, which will be a huge blow to independent bookstores all over. I understand that it is meant to be a punishment for Harper Collins and Hachette, but the small stores will truly suffer the most. I hope you will choose another option that punishes the publishers alone, and does not hand the ebook market to Amazon.

Thank you,

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