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Subject: Proposed e-book settlement

Dear Mr. Read,

A healthy, competitive book market is vital to our culture. It's not in the public interest for the government to help Amazon use e-books to target traditional brick-and-mortar bookstores. Amazon already has a near monopoly on e-book sales. Why give them more firepower? Brick and mortar stores tend to bring readers into contact with many, many books, they would not think to look for online. The loss of many independent book stores has begun the trend toward narrowing down reading interests in America. Losing all Brick and Mortar stores would further this trend, rather than widening knowledge and raising the level of understanding in our country.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
Barbara Bell

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