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Mr. Read -- I hope you take your surname as seriously as you take your job in the anti-trust division US Justice Department. I am a writer with the last name of Weisman, so speaking as Mrs. Wise woman to Mr Read I hope you will use your power to help maintain balance in the book-selling industry. It is increasingly difficult for writer like myself to find a place on bookstore shelves. We are urged to publish as ebooks which is a kind of Siberia for all but the most sought after writers. We need bookstores as much as we need e-books. We need browsers and much as we need point and clickers. An Amazon monopoly is more than a threat to the livelihood of writers, it is a disservice to readers. To create a situation in which one entity virtually controls all that the public reads is a tragic blow not just to publishers, authors and readers, but to democracy itself. Mary-Lou Weisman

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