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Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing regarding the proposed e-book Proposal (U.S. vs. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY). As a published author, I am convinced that a vibrant, competitive book market is one of the hallmarks of American culture. Traditional independent bookstores play an important role in maintaining this culture and pushing it forward. It's not in the public interest for the government to help Amazon use e-books to target brick-and-mortar bookstores.

Sincerely,

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