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Subject: US vs Apple, Inc et al, 12cv 2826

Mr. John Read,

As both an independent bookstore owner and an author of a book published by a Random House imprint. I am writing to express my concern that Amazon not be able to set the price of their ebooks. It is not a fair market place if they can price books and ebooks so low that they lose money, only to shut down all brick and mortar stores which cannot compete with their pricing. It is hard enough to have a viable small business in this country, let alone a bookstore with fair pricing.

I do not look forward to a culture where publishing is controlled by Amazon. I believe a democratic nation needs a diversity of publishers and meeting places and independent bookstores are vital to maintaining both. It has not been a level playing field for many years, but I certainly hope the Department of Justice will not make it further unjust.

Sincerely,
Kate Levinson
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