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Subject: Disruption of E-book pricing

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Dear Mr. Read:

I am writing to urge that you drop your suit to limit the sale of “E-Books” by publishers who happen to have changed the terms of their work with Amazon in a way that limits its (Amazon’s) predatory pricing.

Recently I was looking for a book that was published within the past 15 years, and it was only available electronically. The price was not unreasonable, and the service was very prompt, and the overall savings in the resources involved (including energy!) were probably quite significant. That several companies have agreed to have their books available in this way does not strike me as a restriction of competition – indeed, I was pleased not to have to go through the giant Amazon to get the book. And I am always pleased to give more business to my local independent bookstore, which current arrangements make possible.

So please save your resources for prosecuting more egregious anti-competitive situations, of which there must be many.

Sincerely,

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