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To whom it may concern:

I'm voicing an opinion on the U.S. vs. Apple case being brought by the D.O.J. Taking away the right to use agency pricing from book publishers will adversely affect the competitive nature of the book selling business. Discounters have succeeded in putting most fixed location bookstores out of business and will do the same for the publishing houses themselves.

I publish through Amazon myself and think they provide a number of valuable services to me and to their customers. They are brutal to their competition, however, to the point of destructiveness. The current direction of the Justice Department is sanctioning the destructive, anti-competitive campaign of a corporate giant with billions in cash and boundless ambitions and will have the effect of turning Amazon into a monopoly.

No one is being harmed by agency pricing and many will be harmed if it is disallowed. I urge you to drop this case and let the current state of the publishing market stand as it is.

Sincerely,  
Connie Flynn, Author