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Subject: COMMENTS ON SETTLEMENT

RE: UNITED STATES V. APPLE, INC. ET AL, 12-CV-2826 (DLC) (SDNY)
COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANTS HACHETTE,
HARPER COLLINS AND SIMON & SCHUSTER

Dear Judge Cote:

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the above settlement on two levels:

1) As an author, I think it is important to prevent monopolies from developing within the publishing industry, as this will lessen the outlets I have for submitting my work and also lessen my ability to negotiate fair royalties for my work.

2) As a reader, I love puttering around in bookstores. Because I work on my computer, for relaxation I choose to be away from it. I do not want to pleasure read on an electronic device; I want to sit with a physical book. Allowing purveyors of e-books to control the market is causing the closure of many bookstores; they are treasures that won't be coming back, and that will be a shame for our culture if it continues.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into account.

Sincerely,

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