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**To:** Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]  
**Subject:** Proposed Settlement regarding Agency Pricing & Amazon

Dear Mr. Read,

As a small independent bookstore, I have followed with dismay the suit against the five publishers and Apple for their agency pricing model on e-books. When agency pricing was established, my first thought was that at long last we could play fairly on a level playing field. I can't begin to understand the various intricacies of the legal system, but I do understand that what was a competitive system - allowing many players into the e-book market, allowing selection and choice and market driven pricing (as opposed to loss leader deflated pricing), leading to innovations and improvements in reading devices - is now under attack and whatever gains that might have been made are about to be completely reversed.

I urge the DOJ to reject this proposed settlement and find a solution that preserves the agency model, that promotes diversity and choice and that protects a competitive market place.

Best regards,  
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