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To: Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]
Subject: Concerns regarding e-book settlement

Dear Mr. Read,

As a private citizen and a reader of both paper and electronic books, concerned about the future of independent bookstores in the United States, I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed settlement with major publishers regarding e-book pricing. In particular, I am concerned that the proposed settlement runs the risk of strengthening Amazon's dominant role in the e-book market into a true monopoly. While collusion in violation of anti-trust laws certainly needs to be addressed, the proposed solution runs the risk of further undermining a competitive e-book marketplace. The publishing and bookstore industries are in a precarious position at the moment, and poorly designed actions could cause them irreversible damage; I would to urge you and DOJ to conduct, publish, and consider the results of a full analysis of the competitive impacts of any proposed settlement that takes these potential knock-on effects into account.

Sincerely,

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