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Subject: United States v. Apple, Inc., et. al., 12-cv-2826

Dear John R. Read:

I am writing it regards to the case above and wanted to send a note in opposition to what is happening with this antitrust lawsuit against not only Apple but some of the major publishers as well (Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster).

As not only someone who works in the brick and mortar book industry but an avid reader, I am firmly against the Department of Justice's position. If the DOJ wins and the agency model is revoked, Amazon will be able to price their e-books below cost in their continuing and well-documented efforts to eliminate competition. It doesn't make sense why the DOJ would want to help Amazon create a monopoly. At its most dramatic, this decision could eliminate thousands upon thousands of jobs and change the face of the brick and mortar bookstores which we all know and love.

Where would we be if we were in a country that would see the elimination or severe deterioration of bookstores? I don't even want to imagine a world where this could possibly exist. There are already so many towns and cities without bookstores after the Border's liquidation begging for someone to come back to their city.

Please hear my opposition and the opposition of thousands of others.

Thank you,
Misty Fontenot