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Mr. Read:

I am an independent bookseller, a reader of books in paper and electronic formats, a library patron, and a customer of bookstores apart from the one where I work. I am not an expert in economics or the law, but I still want to share my opinions with you.

To my mind, a monopoly is not when companies cooperate to bring a product to the marketplace at a fair price to consumers. A monopoly is not when companies cooperate to allow a product to be purchased from hundreds of unique, independent retail outlets.

A monopoly is when one company becomes so large that they can set the rules of the marketplace so that the marketplace operates only to their own advantage.

Please do not punish cooperation when that cooperation benefits the majority of consumers and small businesses.

Thank you,

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