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Dear Mr. Read:

As someone who enjoys reading in both print and electronic forms, I deplore the loss of brick and mortar bookstores, especially independent ones. In recent years a few large chains of physical book sellers has come to dominate the landscape nationwide as smaller bookstores disappear. Now with the online bookseller Amazon poised to undercut even those remaining sellers in both printed and electronically produced books, I fear that the end result will be a shrinking not only of the way books are distributed but of the marketplace of ideas itself. Do we really want a handful of publishers to dictate what what new works reach the public, and do we want one distributor to monopolize what is available to us and at what price? I think not. Please work to find a balance that is fairer to the authors, the purveyors, and the readers.

Sincerely yours,
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