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**Subject:** U.S. vs. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY)

Dear John R. Read, Esq.,

As an author of children's books, and as a reader and consumer of books, I am extremely concerned that Amazon has undermined the free market for booksellers with its predatory pricing policies. Publishing as we have known it cannot continue to function without bookstores, and bookstores are in grave risk if Amazon's virtual monopoly on the market continues.

For these reasons and others, I am strongly opposed to any settlement that allows Amazon to continue to erode the marketplace for physical books and for bookstores.

A healthy, competitive book market is vital to our culture. It's not in the public interest for the government to help Amazon use e-books to target traditional brick-and-mortar bookstores.

Please consider the real consequences for the public, for authors, for readers, and for booksellers.

Sincerely,

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