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Mr. Read
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Dear Mr. Read,

I am very concerned about the deleterious stance the government is taking regarding the Agency Model for e-book sales. I am a consumer of both print and electronic books. Such a government stance will only make it much more difficult, if not impossible, for independent bookstores everywhere to compete in the free marketplace. I have a special concern for my local independent store, McLean & Eakin in Petoskey, Michigan. I dare not think of losing such a quality store where a consumer can walk in and TALK to a person regarding literary selections.

The agency model must be allowed to continue to foster competition and innovation in a budding e-book market. I believe that consumers must be able to experience the advantages that this model offers ; diversity, pricing, delivery – all of which we lose when the marketplace is monopolized and independents lose a fair footing.

Sincerely,



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