

Jenna McCarthy
3895 Sterrett Avenue
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
jenna@jennamccarthy.com
www.jennamccarthy.com

John R. Read, Esq.
Chief, Litigation III
Antitrust Division, United States Department of Justice
450 5th Street, NW, Suite 4000
Washington, D.C. 20530

June 14, 2012

Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing today in regards to **United States v. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY). Comments on Proposed Final Judgment as to Defendants Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster.**

As both an author and avid reader, I believe this suit and settlement to be misguided and damaging to the publishing industry. I agree wholeheartedly with The Association of Authors' Representatives, the Authors Guild, and the American Booksellers Association that the settlement absolutely is not "in the public interest."

I urge you to reconsider your decision to sanction the destructive, anticompetitive campaign of a corporate monopolist. If you do not, it will surely mean the end of the brick and mortar bookstore businesses that are so important to both writers and readers.

Respectfully,

Jenna McCarthy