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**Subject:** Antitrust Lawsuit with Apple, Hachette Book Group, Simon & Schuster, Penguin Group, HarperCollins and Macmillan

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Read,

Please keep the interests of smaller retailers and a fair marketplace in mind with regard to the Department of Justice antitrust lawsuit with Apple and the Publishers. As a bookseller and book buyer, I find the idea appalling that one Goliath (Amazon) can have so much control and power over a fully-functioning marketplace.

At its best, our economy provides consumers with a variety of choices and products, and I believe that, if successful, this lawsuit will have the opposite of its intended effect: it will enable one retailer to run roughshod over the marketplace, selling eBooks at a loss in order to "get consumers in the door" and make the entire eBook "product" into something many retailers (myself included) will be unable to sell. Again, I urge you to please consider the long-term ramifications of this lawsuit, and its impact on dedicated bookstores, as well as the many other stores that sell books and book-related products.

Sincerely,

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