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Sent: Saturday, June 23, 2012 2:49 PM
To: Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]
Subject: The Department of Justice lawsuit pertaining to the agency pricing issue

Dear Mr. Read,

I'm writing to you as an independent bookseller. As you know, bookstores have been deeply affected by the predatory pricing practices of Amazon. I believe that the continuation of agency pricing would ensure that all of us would be able to enjoy a more competitive marketplace. This is a crucial underpinning of freedom of speech and of the American economic system.

It seems to me that Amazon is--or soon will be--a monopoly in the book world. It's unnerving that they're now publishing. I don't like the idea that one company could become responsible for the dissemination of all books and information. If things continue on their present path, I think there is a real danger that most bookstores could disappear and Amazon would have complete control of what we are able to read. Freedom of speech and monopoly are two issues that seem to have been set aside in this effort to sue the publishers. Eliminating all competition is counterproductive.

I'm hoping the DOJ will consider discontinuing this lawsuit.

Sincerely,

Pam Price
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