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Dear Mr. Reid:

As you have by now heard from many of my colleagues and fellow publishing professionals, I wanted to include my thoughts on the recent developments regarding the antitrust lawsuit against Apple, Hachette, HarperCollins, Penguin, and Simon & Schuster alleging that these companies colluded to fix e-book prices and proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster.

As a working mother with four small children, I worry what this settlement might mean for the book business and my children's future. It is not in the best interest of the authors who work so hard to get their words out to a wider audience. And it is not good for an industry that is facing great change and many obstacles.

The facts do speak for themselves when broken down that this settlement can negatively impact the industry at large, which would definitely not be in the public's best interest. The settlement would essentially enable Amazon to discount pricing and create a monopoly that would drive other book retailers out of business. That would be devastating.

I hope you will consider the implications of these actions and that an appropriate decision will be made to facilitate the positive future of the entire book publishing industry.

Many thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

All best,

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