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Dear Mr. Read,

I don't work for a bookstore but do love to read and am writing today to support the agency model for independent bookstores.

What worries me about your possible decision is that Amazon has all the power and will use it to destroy all the little guys, and then up the prices because no one will be left to keep them in check. The agency model must be allowed to continue to foster competition in the e-book market. Consumers deserve to continue to experience the advantages the agency model offers in terms of diversity in content, pricing and, delivery. All this we would lose if we can only shop in a monopolized marketplace.

If the agency model goes away, there will be little or no incentive to publish quality books that Amazon doesn't consider profitable. It could well make it impossible for authors to make a living due to Amazon's imposition of lowering royalties. You'll be enabling Amazon to become a massive vertical monopoly.

I don't want a terrible decision by the Department of Justice to destroy the future of books, authors, and bookstores in America.

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