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To: Read, John

Subject: One writer's opposition to the proposed settlement with book publishers

Dear Mr. John Read,

I am an HIV researcher at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard University and author of an upcoming non-fiction book. I am writing to you to express my concern and opposition to the proposed settlement between publishers and the Justice department regarding e-book pricing. A competitive literary market is essential for first time authors, such as myself, to find success in the world of publishing.

The 'agency model' launched by apple has proven that competition has a place in the e-book marketplace; the results have been obvious and welcomed by authors worldwide. This settlement has dire consequences on the future of writers like myself. By giving amazon a clear monopoly on the e-book marketplace, the careers of many writers are put in jeopardy.

I urge you to think of the bigger picture here, to reject the proposed settlement and further competition among booksellers.

Best,

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