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Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing to you to file a public comment concerning the anti-trust lawsuit you are proceeding with against several publishers over e-books. This is an issue of which booksellers and book publishers and authors all agree. Enormous retailers such as Amazon should not be allowed predatory pricing practices.

As I have always understood it, the purpose of anti-trust laws is to increase competition through a vibrant market place. This action against book publishers seeks to remove consumers (including small retailers), publishers and authors from fair market pricing. The net result of Department of Justice action is to support and buttress the anti-competitive, monopolistic practices of Amazon.

Why is publisher's setting the price for the e-books they publish different then publishers setting the price for paper books they publish? Isn't the purpose of anti-trust laws to keep prices from being dictated by a single entity or cartel?

Sincerely,

Richard P. Koch

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