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Dear Mr. Read,

I am writing to you about the potential removal of the Agency Model that will have a large adverse affect on Independent bookstores across the U.S.

If the publishers of books like Hachette and Harper Collins have colluded in pricing they should be punished. However, this decision can punish the independent booksellers as well and give a huge advantage to the behemoth "AMAZON".

If the Agency Model is eliminated AMAZON can go unabated in it's drive to crush these smaller booksellers with it's pricing structure. Because of its size and large inventory of many items rather than just books, it will eliminate the competition and Jobs will be lost. This is not what the United States need at this very tough economic time.

We don't need failures and continued unemployment in these independent booksellers. These small businesses are the backbone of job growth and this will hinder that recovery.

I would ask that you consider another alternative to this and level the playing field rather than cede an unfair advantage to AMAZON.

We need these smaller stores and I support them with this letter.

Thank you for your considerations.

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