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Subject: the Department of Justice should help independent bookstores thrive

Dear Mr. Read:

I appreciate the Department of Justice's investigation into if anti-trust laws are being violated in the current drama with Amazon.com and independent bookstores. It seems to me, however, that amazon.com is engaging in excessive practices by trying to drive others out of business (in the way that Mr. Rockefeller did with Standard Oil in 1872 in the "Cleveland Massacre" when he undercut other oil companies).

The role of the federal government is to regulate to protect the best interest of the American public. I urge you to help to rein in Amazon.com. If independent bookstores are driven out of business by the excessively low prices offered by the monopoly of amazon.com, we will be poorer. Thus, rather than looking at the letter of the law, I urge you to look at the spirit and intent of the law.

Right now amazon.com is acting in harsh, excessive, and monopolistic ways.

Regards,

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