

## Conn. AG: Apple, Amazon block lower e-book prices

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(AP) -- Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal says Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. are trying to stop competitors from offering lower e-book prices.

Blumenthal announced Monday that his office is investigating agreements made by the two companies that deter <u>publishers</u> from giving discounts to other e-book providers.

Blumenthal says the agreements hurt competition. He says he hopes to meet with representatives from both companies to discuss them.

An <u>Apple</u> spokesman declined to comment. Amazon did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press on Monday.

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