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MESSAGE #4 of 4: ABANDON THE INNOCENT BUYER

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA – In Pennsylvania, it's *buyer beware* but consumers who are injured, maimed, or killed by defective products still deserve some legal protections. Participants in today's Legal Reform Summit at the Harrisburg Crowne Plaza disagree. Instead, they want to rewrite Pennsylvania product liability law to abandon the *innocent buyer*.

A Pennsylvania consumer who is injured by a defective product can file a claim against the seller of the defective product in order to pay for medical bills, or worse, loss of life or limb. But today's Summit participants want to bar these claims. This is yet another proposal to shift the costs of injury away from those responsible for the injury and onto injured people, and another corporate bailout that won't bring a single job to Pennsylvania.

The cost of injury will exist no matter who pays. But who *should* pay? The buyer or the seller?

- The seller is in a better position than the buyer to find and prevent defects.
- The seller has insurance, as any responsible seller would.
- The seller's insurer can seek reimbursement from the product's manufacturer.

“Abandon the Innocent Buyer” is a proposal that undermines basic fairness in order to shift the costs of injury away from those responsible for the injury and onto injured people.

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