



In the summer of 2004, Hurricane Charely roared out of the Gulf of Mexico and swept across Florida to the Atlantic Ocean. The storm claimed twenty-two lives and caused \$11 billion in damage. It also left in its wake a debate about price gouging. Jeff Jacoby, a pro-market commentator writing in the *Boston Globe*, argued against price-gouging laws: "It isn't gouging to charge what the market will bear. It isn't greedy or brazen. It's how goods and services get allocated in a free society." Jacoby acknowledged that the "price spikes are infuriating, especially to someone whose life has just been thrown into turmoil by a deadly storm." But public anger is no justification for interfering with the free market. By providing incentives for suppliers to produce more of the needed goods, the seemingly exorbitant prices "do far more good than harm." His conclusion: "_____".
Letting them go about their business will."

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- ① Demonizing vendors won't speed Florida's recovery
- ② Supporting Florida's free market conditions cannot benefit society
- ③ Offering opportunities to suppliers don't bring about economic injustice
- ④ Letting the laws suppress the free market will not be problematic to suppliers
- ⑤ Blaming natural disasters for their mercilessness has no point at all