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### **Internet wine sales too risky**

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The March 28 column by state Sen. Paula Dockery, "Wine bill can help on several fronts," left me questioning, does anyone honestly think that changing our alcohol laws to allow easier access is going to help curb underage drinking or help police officers?

I like the current laws. My job is hard enough as a teenager's parent, making sure she's not drinking at parties or at friends' houses. I don't need the Internet to open a new avenue. All she would need is a credit card, which she has. Yes, we see the bill. But the reality is that by the time we see the bill, it could be too late. This is all the "reasonable thought" I need.

I don't see how the bills referred to can help law enforcement. We all know that the Broward officers have no jurisdiction outside of Florida. So how does letting the out-of-state companies sell into the state help the officers enforce the law?

I hope other parents are aware of the tale they're being told. We have some of the most strict alcohol laws in the country, and I'd like to keep it that way. We should be preventing underage drinking, not making it easier for kids to get alcohol.

I also believe 2005 could be a good year, if my child stays away from alcohol and stays alive. That is the best kind of year for a parent.

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