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LIBERTARIAN NORTHRUP SEEKS TO ABOLISH STATE ENERGY OFFICE

John Northrup, Libertarian candidate for Governor of New York today proposed abolition of the State Energy Office and the Energy Research and Development Authority, saving taxpayers more than \$13 million.

Northrup, a Syracuse CPA and budgeting expert, has called for elimination of the state personal income tax over the next four years and unlike the other candidates, has been proposing specific budget reductions to accomplish this goal. He has pledged to propose elimination of at least one agency each week until the election and for some time thereafter.

"These agencies are classic examples of bureaucratic empire building. ERDA provides subsidies to energy research in fields which either cannot justify themselves or are welfare for the power companies which already have monopoly status. The State Energy Office is no different. Its 'master planning' destroys the orderly development of market energy needs and locks into place the bureaucratic self-perpetuating responses. We must get the state, and for that matter, the federal government out of the energy field. The benefits of abolishing these agencies will far exceed their direct cost," noted Northrup.

The Libertarian Party stands for individual freedom in economic and personal affairs. Organized in all 50 states, it is the nation's third largest party and is running nearly 1,000 candidates across the country.