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NORTHRUP: ABOLISH COMMERCE DEPARTMENT  
TO CREATE JOBS, ATTRACT BUSINESS

"Government has been the only growth industry in New York as far back as anyone can remember, raising taxes and creating unemployment," according to John Northrup, a Syracuse CPA and the Libertarian candidate for Governor.

"Driving away business and the jobs that go with it has been one of the prime activities of the Republicans and Democrats, who over the past 25 years have increased state spending more than ten fold and have created the worst business climate in the United States," said Northrup.

Northrup, in contrast to opponents Lehrman and Cuomo, has been proposing to eliminate at least one agency per week during the campaign and has cited the Commerce Department as a worthless waste of the taxpayers' dollars.

"No business which is smart enough to survive in the face of outrageous taxes, burdensome regulations and a politically created economic collapse is stupid enough to locate in New York just because the Commerce Department comes up with a catchy tune or advertising slogan.

"Not only would elimination of the Commerce Department save the taxpayers almost \$30 million per year, but would send a meaningful signal that New York is serious about cutting spending. That alone would create far more jobs than smiling politicians and television advertisements," noted Northrup.

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Northrup has proposed elimination of the state personal income tax and asserts that to create jobs "we need to encourage business, not by handing out special privileges at taxpayers' expense, but by creating an economic climate free from government interference and a crushing level of taxation."

Northrup, the only upstater running for governor, is a cum laude graduate of Princeton making his second run for office. In a 1980 run for Congress from his native Syracuse, he captured the respect of the public and media alike being described by the Syracuse Post Standard as one of Central New York's "brightest young men."