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NORTHROP URGES VOTERS TO NOT WASTE THEIR VOTE

John Northrup, Libertarian candidate for Governor, today urged New Yorkers "not to waste their votes on Lehrman or Cuomo, my Republican and Democratic opponents for the state's highest office."

Northrup, a Syracuse CPA, has pledged repeal of the state income tax and spending cuts of \$8 billion. Responding to the claim that he can't win, he said, "a vote for Lehrman or Cuomo is wasted because it assures four more years of a state budget already 10 times bigger than it was 25 years ago, as well as increased government intervention in every aspect of our lives."

"Lehrman's tax proposal calls for state spending increases next year alone which would have just about run the entire state before the last millionaire Republican businessman from New York City bought his way into the governor's mansion. Mario Cuomo's endorsement by every public employee union in the state doesn't stem from his concern for the taxpayers either. When all is said and done, there is no difference since they both look at government as the solution rather than as the problem."

"Even if I don't win, a substantial vote for me and the Libertarian Party will send the traditional politicians a message that the people will no longer stand to be taxed and regulated out of existence."

The Libertarian Party (which in New York State is required by election

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regulations to use Free Libertarian Party) is organized in every state, running 1,000 candidates for office this year. The third largest party in the country, it's 1980 candidates polled five million votes, including almost one million for Presidential candidate Ed Clark. If Northrup polls 50,000 votes this year, the party will retain ballot status in New York State through 1986 giving voters across the state an opportunity to vote for candidates who will reduce local spending and regulation.

According to Northrup, "there are hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers who agree with our stand on the issues, but may vote for what they feel is the 'lesser of two evils'. To them I say, 'the lesser of evils is still evil and my candidacy gives them the opportunity to tell the Democrats and Republicans that the people will no longer stand for political business as usual.'"