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Dear Steve,

Regarding your interest in an FLP platform: in my opinion our limited resources would be better spent in promoting specific statewide candidates that the state convention has approved. Candidates usually develop platforms they themselves feel comfortable with and can run on, rather than being bound to any platform put together by a convention.

I would, however, be in favor of developing recommended non-binding positions for a few, non-obvious statewide issues that could be made available to candidates if they wanted them. Specific issues like this might be:

1. acid rain problem - rain falling in NYS with high sulphuric acid content resulting from coal with high sulphur content being burned in Ohio
2. Lake Ontario lake level - high levels result in erosion of private property bordering the lake; hydroelectric dams on the St. Lawrence River want the level high; relations with Canada are a complicating factor

*John*