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NORTHRUP: "ABOLISH ARTS SUBSIDY,
WELFARE FOR RICH"

John Northrup, Libertarian Candidate for Governor today called for elimination of the New York State Council on the Arts to save taxpayers more than \$30 million per year.

Northrup, a Syracuse CPA, has promised to propose specific budget reductions sufficient to eliminate the personal income tax during his term in office.

"Forcing every taxpayer to subsidize the arts is nothing more than welfare for the rich. Someone who wants to go to the opera in New York City has no right to ask taxpayers in Watertown to help pay for his ticket. With people struggling to make ends meet the last thing they need is to help support new bizzare art forms and the whims of the politically well connected socialites who seek to become art patrons on the backs of the taxpayers," said Northrup.

Northrup, who served as President of a non-profit theatre group in his native Syracuse, and the only upstater running for Governor, said this year Governor Carey proposed a budget of almost \$37 million for the Arts Council.

Northrup has pledged to propose the elimination of at least one state agency each week during the remainder of the campaign and has called for the other candidates to do the same.