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NORTHROP: ABOLISH ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY,
CUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

"It is an outrage that residents of the rural areas of the state must tolerate rampant unemployment and economic stagnation in order to subsidize well-to-do urbanites on weekend camping excursions dressed in the finest gear from L.L. Bean and Abercrombe and Fitch," commented John Northrup, Libertarian candidate for governor, in calling for the elimination of the Adirondack Park Agency and a large scale reduction of the Department of Environmental Conservation. The proposal was the latest in fulfillment of his pledge to eliminate at least one agency per week during the campaign.

"The Adirondack Park Agency, under the guise of protecting the environment, in reality subjects the residents of a huge portion of the state to second class citizenship, and all but eliminates their right to utilize their own property.

"As a result, residents of the economically depressed area are often blocked from using their private resources to increase and improve employment opportunities," said Northrup.

Libertarians encourage the development of private park and recreational areas (of which there are many around the country) in addition to returning control of the area to those who live and work there. Northrup also accused ENCON of enforcing its regulatory whims on the backs of the taxpayers.

Northrup: Abolish Adirondack Park Agency, Cut ENCON

"The solution to environmental decay is not to put arbitrary regulatory control in the hands of the politicians and bureaucrats, since their decisions are often swayed by special interests rather than by their concern for environmental purity," said Northrup.

According to Northrup, private land owners whose property is being polluted or otherwise threatened should have the ability to prevent and seek full restitution from the polluters who should be held totally responsible for their acts. In addition, Northrup called the state's vaunted \$10 million Superfund to pay for cleaning up toxic waste sites "a fraud". "All it's doing is taxing the people of New York State to clean up a mess they didn't cause. Corporations which pollute must be completely liable for damages. Only then will they clean up their act."

Northrup, a Syracuse CPA, has now made specific proposals to reduce spending more than \$3 billion to accomplish his four year plan to eliminate the state income tax.