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NORTHTRUP: LEHRMAN BIG SPENDER IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Promising to abolish the state personal income tax over the next four years, John Northrup, Libertarian Candidate for Governor, today blasted Lew Lehrman as a big spender masquerading as a tax cutter.

"Big deal," said Northrup, citing Lehrman's hope that he could cut state spending by only two or three percent and promise to cut state taxes, if the state's economy permits. "Anyone who is willing to permit the state to spend more than ten times what it spent less than 25 years ago is no tax cutter and isn't fit to be Governor. Mario Cuomo is no better. Everyone knows he'll give away the state, but then again he's no bigger a spender than Lehrman if Lehrman can only find \$500 million or less to cut out the state's \$18 billion in spending," commented Northrup, further noting that he had "specified more reductions than that in the past two weeks alone."

Northrup, a Syracuse CPA and the only upstater running for governor, is proposing the elimination of at least one state agency per week during the campaign. Northrup urged New Yorkers "not to waste their vote on four more years of the same big spending politicians who got us in our current fiscal mess. Since a two or three percent cut will mean, at most, a few pennies a week per taxpayer, it's clear there isn't 'a dime's worth of difference' between the two other candidates put together."