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Don't "end welfare as we know it" — End the welfare state, urge Libertarians

WASHINGTON, DC -- The government fought a "War On Poverty" -- and poverty won.

So the Libertarian Party is proposing something different.

"It's time for a bold new approach to eliminate poverty and welfare," said Perry Willis, Libertarian Party National Director.

Willis announced today that the Libertarian Party has issued a major public policy proposal entitled "Ending the Welfare State: How to Promote Opportunity, Work, and Individual Responsibility."

The four-point plan calls for replacing government welfare with private charity and increased economic opportunity. Highlights include:

- Ending all current government welfare programs.
- Establishing a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for charitable contributions.
- Tearing down regulatory barriers to economic growth and job creation.
- Promoting "choice in education" to increase educational opportunities.

"Government welfare doesn't work," said Willis. "Even Republicans and Democrats admit it. That's why they claim they will 'end welfare as we know it.' But what proposals are coming out of Washington, DC?"

"On one hand, Democrats want to 'end welfare' by spending more money on failed government jobs programs, failed government education

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programs, and failed government health programs.

"On the other hand, Republicans want to 'end welfare' by funneling money through the hands of Washington bureaucrats and back to the states -- so they can spend it on the *same* failed welfare programs.

"But the bottom line of their various proposals: Not one penny saved. Not one wasteful program ended," said Willis.

"We Libertarians know that only voluntary charity and a robust free market can solve the problem of poverty in this county," he said. "Our solution: Don't end welfare as we know it -- simply *end welfare*."

"With our plan, we hope to effectively debunk the myth of government compassion, and get the American public to start thinking about welfare reform in a whole new way. We want people to realize that only the Libertarian Party is offering a thoughtful, genuine alternative to welfare despair, hand-outs, and dependency," said Willis.

The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in America, and is planning to run more than 1,000 candidates for office in 1996. There are already more than 150 Libertarians in office across the country.

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