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LPNY CONDEMNS SPEED CAMERAS

by Libertarian Party of New York

The LPNY declares its staunch opposition to the New York State Department of Transportation's broadened implementation of automated speeding tickets. The automated ticketing system, implemented in a limited way in 2021 and expanded recently, employs technology to detect and automatically issue speeding tickets. While excused as a road safety measure, the LPNY interprets this move to broadly expand this system as an insidious strategy for hidden taxation of the working class while egregiously infringing upon their Fourth Amendment rights.

According to LPNY, the exploitation of these systems for financial gain under the guise of public safety constitutes not just a breach of personal privacy but also an act of state-sanctioned extortion. Their position is that this system not only exemplifies governmental overreach but also serves as a devious mechanism for revenue gathering, effectively extorting money from vehicle owners via a hidden tax under the pretext of safety.

"The deployment of automated ticketing systems amounts to a flagrant violation of the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable searches and seizures," remarked Andrew Kolstee, Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York. "Beyond the constitutional transgression, it is a thinly veiled attempt to extort money from hard working

New Yorkers. The lack of human oversight and the denial of any recourse to contest these automated tickets is a profound infringement on the rights enshrined to every American."

The LPNY is particularly alarmed by the lack of public awareness and debate regarding the broadened implementation of this system. The covert manner in which this law was passed and put into effect raises significant concerns about governmental transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, the LPNY expresses deep concerns over the potential expansion of such surveillance technology and its implications for personal privacy and freedom. "What starts as automated speeding enforcement could easily become a slippery slope towards more invasive forms of government surveillance," added Kolstee. "This is already happening. These cameras were introduced in work zones, but are reportedly being installed in non-work zone areas, which discretely expands the government surveillance system."

Moreover, the LPNY posits that the strategic setting of fines at a low threshold suggests an intent to discourage contestation, subtly coercing the populace into acceptance of this new norm. According to LPNY, this approach disproportionately burdens the financially vulnerable and working class New Yorker, creating a two-tiered justice system

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based on one's ability to pay.


"The LPNY calls for an immediate suspension of this automated ticketing system," remarked Kolstee. "We urge state legislators and the New York State Department of Transportation to consider the serious Fourth Amendment concerns raised by such a system. We are committed to the principles of individual liberty, due process, and limited government, and advocate for a state where public safety is upheld without compromising the constitutional freedoms of its citizens. The automated speeding ticket system violates these principles and the constitutional rights of New Yorkers."





The LPNY is actively seeking people who have been ticketed by this new system, as plaintiffs in a legal challenge against it. The LPNY is concurrently launching a fundraising drive to support these efforts. By combining legal action with advocacy, the LPNY aims to protect the Fourth Amendment rights of all New Yorkers against what it considers to be invasive measures by the State.


Libertarian Party of New York **NOMINATING CONVENTION AND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE**

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UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

Here is this month's update on some of the things going on behind the scenes at the Libertarian Party of New York.

to choose our placeholder candidates for President and Vice President on the weekend of March 16-17, 2024 in Watkins Glen. We will also nominate our candidate for U.S. Senate. See our website for more details.

Website and Database

Work continues on the website and database. We have already integrated our donation and event pages.

2024 Campaign

State Committee

The next State Committee meeting will be held sometime in February. Date/time is to be determined.

2024 Nominating Convention

The Libertarian Party of New York will hold a nominating convention

2024 National Convention

The 2024 Libertarian National Convention is scheduled for May 23-26, 2024 in Washington, D.C. Delegate numbers are locked in, and New York will have 41 delegate spots. So far, 30 delegate positions have been filled. The other delegate positions (Delegates and Alternates) will be filled in February.

The Petitioning Committee is exploring ideas for a potential statewide petitioning drive in 2024. If you are interested in joining this committee, please reach out. One major need is to recruit candidates to run in cross-county districts, especially New York State Assembly.

HELP US GET A3312 PASSED

This bill, if passed would lower the ballot access thresholds back to the previous standards: the number of votes needed to get ballot access to 50,000 (from 130,000 or 2%), and lower the petition signature requirement for a statewide office to 15,000 (from 45,000). Contact your representatives in the New York State Legislature and ask them to this bill!

Contact Legislative Affairs Director Rich Purtell at rpurtell@lpny.org to get involved with pushing this bill.

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Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Lakeview Hotel & Resturant
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(1st Thursdays)

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Thurs., Feb. 8, 2024 at 6 PM
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Sat., Feb. 17, 2024 @ 6 PM
Time/Location Varies
(3rd Sturdays)

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Held Monthly via Zoom

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Tues., Feb. 20, 2024 at 3 PM
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(3rd Tuesdays)

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NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Mar. 30, 2024 at 11 AM
Hamilton Public Library

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MONROE

Contact the Monroe County Libertarian Party for meeting link. We also have monthly social meetings that you don't want to miss. There is also Google Group for announcements.

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., Feb. 1, 2024 @ 7 PM
(first Thursdays)

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Tues., Feb. 8, 2024 at 7 PM
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(2nd Thursdays)

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Mon., Feb. 19, 2024 @ 6 PM
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(3rd Mondays)
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at McCarthy's
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(2nd Thursdays)

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Since October 2022, the Rensselaer County Libertarian Party has been collecting food items and monetary donations to give monthly to StreetSoldiers Rensselaer.

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., Feb. 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Alexis Diner, North Greenbush
(first Wednesdays)

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Thurs., Feb. 15, 2024 @ 7 PM
@ Coffee and Collectibles
(3rd Thursdays)

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Mon., Feb. 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY

(second Mondays)

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Sat., Feb. 24, 2024 at 10 AM

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Don't see your county listed?

**We are looking for Libertarians
to organize new County Affiliates!**

Contact us for more details!

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