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TUCCILLE DEMANDS AMNESTY FOR "VICTIMLESS CRIME" PRISONERS

Jerry Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor, today proposed an unconditional amnesty for all individuals convicted of "crimes" which involved no use of force against others.

"President Ford has pardoned Richard Nixon and he has pardoned the draft evaders and deserters," said Tuccille. "Regardless of one's view of those decisions, there is a still larger group of people who deserve consideration.

"There are individuals now in prison for using narcotics, for publishing certain books, and for engaging in sexual acts with other consenting adults.

"The proper purpose of laws is to prevent people from using force or fraud to injure each other. No action which has the consent of all concerned should be illegal.

"We support the immediate abolition of all laws which make crimes of noncoercive behavior. Such laws include those against gambling, prostitution, abortion, pornography, voluntary sexual behavior, the sale, possession or use of narcotics or contraceptives, 'blue laws' which restrict business hours, and laws allowing the commitment of individuals to mental institutions without their consent.

"The repeal of such archaic laws will prevent future outrages against justice, humanity and common sense. But it will not help those already convicted under this sort of legislation. Needless suffering has been inflicted upon people who have committed no real crimes. The least we can do to rectify such gross injustice is to immediately declare a full pardon for all so-called 'criminals' who have in fact injured no one."

Tuccille urged his opponents, Malcolm Wilson and Hugh Carey, to make their positions on this important issue known to the voters of New York before Election Day.

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