

Tuccille GOVERNOR

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TUCCILLE FILES PETITIONS;
CAMPAIGN WORKERS DOUBLE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

ALBANY, 13 September--Jerry Tuccille (pronounced "two-chilly"), Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor of New York, today filed 39,241 signatures with the Board of Elections.

The nearly 40,000 total, the result of five weeks of work by Tuccille's staff, represents twice the number required by State law to place an independent candidate for governor on the ballot.

Tuccille's campaign workers, most of them volunteers, virtually assured their candidate a line on the ballot in November by conducting the most meticulous petition drive in the Party's history. Signatures were collected from every one of New York's 39 congressional districts, indicating widespread support for Tuccille throughout the State.

A large percentage of the signatures were obtained by door-to-door petitioning, "the slowest but most accurate method," according to campaign manager Laura Wertheimer.

Tuccille obtained at least 300 signatures from 30 of the 39 congressional districts. Election law requires only 100 signatures from 20 congressional districts.

The Free Libertarian Party is composed of a group of New Yorkers who, according to Ms. Wertheimer, are attempting to establish a citizens' lobby to fight taxation, inflation and government violations of individual rights. State law provides that any party securing 50,000 votes for its gubernatorial nominee is entitled to permanent ballot status. The Free Libertarians intend to achieve this goal and become the newest permanent political institution in New York.

"We know we're not going to capture the governor's mansion," Ms. Wertheimer said. "But with less than 1% of the vote we can give voice to the growing disenchantment on the part of the people with the established political parties and their policies of ever-increasing taxation and spending."

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