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## TUCCILLE PROPOSES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AT STATE FAIR

"New York State is taking your money faster than you earn it," said Jerry Tuccille (pronounced "two-chilly") in a speech at the State Fair at Syracuse. "Only an amendment to the State Constitution can rectify this situation.

"Between 1965 and 1974," the Free Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate continued, "the per capita personal income of New Yorkers rose 78% (from \$3194 to \$5716). During the same period, State tax revenues per capita increased 196% (from \$151 to \$448).

"Something is drastically wrong when taxes go up more than twice as much as earnings," declared Tuccille. "New York State takes money from people who earn it and then uses that money for purposes the taxpayer has no say about. It's time to let the man who pays the bills decide how his hard-earned cash is to be spent."

Tuccille pointed out that this cycle of over-taxing and over-spending is a major cause of inflation, then offered his solution to the problem. "I propose an amendment to the New York State Constitution, limiting next year's taxes and next year's spending to the level of this year's. Only in this way can we ensure that the vicious inflationary cycle will be broken."

Laura Wertheimer, Tuccille's campaign manager, commented on the success of her candidate's State Fair engagement. "We received a substantial amount of press coverage, especially from the broadcast media," she said. "Half a dozen radio and TV stations covered Jerry's appearance. Interviews were aired by WIZR Johnstown, WEZE Gloversville and WKOL Amsterdam.

"Our booth, with its multi-media show, was literally mobbed by fairgoers. Several reporters said it was the best political display at the Fair. And we collected more than a thousand additional signatures for our ballot petition."

Ms. Wertheimer reported an enthusiastic reaction on the part of fairgoers to the Tuccille Poll, which surveyed public opinion on current issues. "The overwhelming majority of respondents selected 'inflation' as the most serious current problem, and 'government' as most responsible for it. This response provides further justification for our proposed Constitutional amendment to limit State taxing and spending."