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TUCCILLE RAPS ANTI-CONTRACEPTIVE LAW

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Jerry Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor, today attacked New York State legislation restricting the sale of contraceptive devices.

He pointed to a recent news item concerning a century-old statute which makes it a misdemeanor to sell or distribute non-prescription contraceptives to anyone under 16, totally prohibits the display or advertisement of such products and makes licensed pharmacists their only legal vendors.

"A law which serves as an obstacle to the reduction of unwanted pregnancies, bungled abortions, premature marriages and instances of venereal disease can hardly be called 'humanitarian,'" said Tuccille. "And contrary to what may be the assumptions of some, a girl under the age of 16 can indeed become pregnant."

"Access to contraceptive and prophylactic materials and information should not be denied to anyone because of age, sex, marital status or any other reason. Restrictions on advertising such products should be abolished, along with laws specifying where they can and cannot be retailed."

Tuccille noted that among those opposing the repeal of the statute are pharmacists, who now enjoy a legal monopoly on the sale of these items. "Those who inveigh against monopolies and special-interest legislation should note carefully who is profiting through the favor of government in this case."

"Libertarians believe in a free market," concluded Tuccille. "Exchange of goods and values is a basic human right, as well as a process which benefits all concerned. When government substitutes coercive laws for voluntary trade, only disaster can result."