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LIBERTARIAN FOREIGN POLICY BROUGHT HOME

The largest newspaper in Southern New Jersey, the *Courier-Post*, made Libertarian foreign policy the top issue of its "Forum" section on Sunday August 16. The piece, entitled "*Need to change aggressive U.S. foreign policy*," was written by NJLP Chair **Dr. Janice Presser**.

Presser discussed at length the differences between the current Republicratic foreign policy and the Libertarian Party's alternative. The item included subheadings entitled "Colonialism," "Foreign Intervention," "Foreign Affairs," "Diplomatic Policy," "Human rights" and "World Government."

She began many of her comments with "we," making it clear that she was elaborating on the positions in the Libertarian Party Platform. A pull quote in boldface read "Condemn use of force." She also said "our foreign and domestic policies are becoming a single exercise in the use of naked violence against anyone that the national and local governments disagree with."

Regarding US interventions around the world since World War II, Presser said, "The President and Congress did not follow our Constitution's demand that they tell us who is our enemy, why they are our enemy, and why we must go to war.

"Without legal declaration of war, we have permitted our Democrat and Republican controlled government to involve America in endless acts of aggression..."

Presser was identified in the story as the "Chairwoman of the NJ Libertarian Party and its candidate for Congress from New Jersey's Third Congressional District."

TEN-DAY OPH IN SUSSEX COUNTY



OPH staffer Mark Edgerton and event organizer Tony Federici

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NJLP member **Tony Federici** of Vernon Township organized and led nine other NJLP members in staffing the LP's OPH (Operation Politically Homeless) booth at the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, from July 31 to August 9.

The LP booth had to be staffed all twelve hours each day the fair was open, and Federici led the way, representing the LP for over forty-one hours, most of them while the other volunteers were at work. The other volunteers were Mark Edgerton, Mark Richards, Robert Drum, Don Imbriale, Robert Heitner, Lou Fellner, Bill Hengeller, Bernard Pearl, and Ed Wiessmann. Over \$450 in donations were received, about 150 people took the quiz and 104 more either joined or signed up for more information.

NJLP CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES FILE BALLOT ACCESS PETITIONS

By Larry Rozanski

TRENTON, NJ - Braving a midsummer heat wave and the ire of a two party system of government, NJLP members Glenn Campbell, Len Flynn, Austin Lett, Steve Nagle, Barry Perlman, Janice Presser, Larry Rozanski, Chris Toto, Dave West, and Tom Wright swept into Trenton on July 24th to file ballot access petitions securing places for the NJLP Congressional Slate on this year's ballots.

Government workers displayed the usual air of professional indifference, as petition signatures were counted and legal minutiae explained. Despite the bureaucratic tedium, the petitions were filed without a hitch.

LP members were also seeking new recruits from an unlikely demographic group: civil servants. During one of the lighter moments of the filing, Austin Lett, candidate in the 11th district, asked a bewildered state worker if he was interested in hearing his campaign speech. NJLP members quickly trumpeted their support, and the lucky bureaucrat soon found himself receiving a crash course in libertarianism. Referring to his opponent as a "pansexual socialist" (an apparent reference to the Pansexual Peace Party), Lett declared, "If you want someone else to make your decisions for you, vote for my opponent. I don't want to make your decisions, I have enough trouble making my own." The speech was rewarded with applause from LP members. We are unsure whether the state worker will be voting Libertarian in the next election.

Although State spending often amounts to a "comedy of errors," the term took on new meaning this year as Party members discovered that a giant cast iron screw and screwdriver had been erected in the lobby of the Richard Hughes Justice Center. The sculpture was quickly dubbed "the symbol of state government."

Our slate:

NJLP Congressional Slate

District	Candidate	Hometown
.1	Dave West	Vincentown
2	Glenn Campbell	Absecon
3	Janice Presser	Moorestown
4	Keith Quarles	Wall
5	Tom Wright	Oakland
6	Steve Nagle	Belmar
7	Darren Young	Mountainside
11	Austin Lett	Chatham
12	Joe Siano	Dayton

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NJLP members with the giant screwdriver in Trenton L-R: Larry Rozanski, Len Flynn, the giant screw, Janice Presser, and Tom Wright

RICHARDS SUPPORTED

NJLP member **Gene Richards** was expelled from the West Milford Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in June for voicing his opinions about zoning, but the citizens of West Milford Township (Passaic County) aren't taking this lying down.

569 of them signed a petition asking the Township Committee to reinstate him, and Richards presented the petition at the July 5 meeting. The event was covered by the West Milford Aim in its August 8 issue, in an item entitled "Backers of Gene Richards say he should still serve." He was quoted in the story as saying that "people and private property are what is sacred."

LETT COVERED IN FREEHOLDER RACE

NJLP candidate for Morris County Freeholder Lyla Lett of Chatham Township was covered in the *Daily Record* of Parsippany, on July 28.

The story, entitled "Later deadline lets Libertarian enter race for freeholder seat" covered at length Lyla's position that county government is unnecessary and should be abolished. "Close up shop and turn out the lights," she was quoted as saying.

Lett's husband Austin is the NJLP candidate for Congress in the Eleventh District.

WRIGHT COVERED IN BID FOR CONGRESS

NJLP Candidate for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District **Tom Wright** was covered at length on the front page of *The Ridgewood News* (Bergen County) on August 9.

Wright's Libertarian positions dominated the story, which purported to cover all candidates in his race. "I'm running because I believe in personal liberty and personal responsibility" was just one of the quotes of Wright, whose party and positions were detailed in nine paragraphs out of the twenty included.

HOME NEWS TRIBUNE COVERS ALTERNATIVE PARTIES' STRUGGLE

The *Home News Tribune* of East Brunswick published a story entitled "N.J.'s alternative parties fighting for their rights" on August 9.

The story said that "More and more New Jersey voters are looking for alternatives to the two established political parties. And the alternative, or "third" parties are growing despite laws and political customs that deny state voters a real choice." And it cited the Sabrin Campaign and its vote total as proof.

It went on to describe CAPP (the Council of Alternative Political Parties), of which the NJLP is a member, and mentioned that CAPP will shortly challenge the "10% provision" of New Jersey Election Laws.

This is the criterion used to define a "major party" for election law purposes: a party's Assembly candidates must collectively receive 10% of all votes cast for Assembly in order to be recognized, allowing them to conduct their own primary elections and participate in publicly funded televised debates.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You hear about constitutional rights, free speech, and the free press. Every time I hear these words I say to myself, 'That man is a Red, that man is a communist!' You never hear a real American talk like that."

- Jersey City Mayor Frank Hague, 1938

LPSMC OFFERS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS

The Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties (LPSMC) sent this letter to the History/Social Studies Departments at forty-seven public and private high schools in Somerset and Middlesex Counties on August 10.

RE: Libertarians available to speak to your class

Dear Educator:

What's the future of American politics?

LIBERTARIANISM, according to a front-page article in the nation's largest newspaper, USA Today, on July 26, 1995. The story, entitled "The GenX Philosophy: Many reject politics, lean libertarian," declared: "What liberalism was to the Sixties and conservatism was to the Eighties, libertarianism may be to the youth of the 1990s."

While Republican and Democratic politicians propose more government as the answer for every problem, Libertarians stand for individual liberty, responsibility and assert that government "solutions," in many cases, ARE the problem.

Would you like to give your students an opportunity to learn more about Libertarianism?

Libertarians Joe Siano and Howard Schoen would like to lead your class in a discussion about various aspects of our political philosophy. Joe is our party's candidate for House of Representative in the twelfth congressional district and would like to speak to your class about crime, social security, and other issues that face the nation today. Howard, a former congressional candidate from the sixth district, would lead a discussion entitled "Does wrong become right if the majority approves?"

If you're interested in having Joe or Howard speak to your class, please feel free to call them at 732 274 8860 (Joe) or 732 572 0207 (Howard).

Sincerely,
John T. Paff, Chairman
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF SOMERSET AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

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NJLP GENERAL MEETING

July 11, 1998

Location: The home of Len and Ginny Flynn in Morganville, Marlboro

Township

Successful Motion:

Len Flynn was appointed NJLP Legislative Agent for Campaign Finance Reform and election law reform, for a one year term beginning August 1998.

Other Actions:

- 1) The Chair introduced New Jersey's new NatCom Representative, Amy Rule of Maryland. She may be reached at incregion5@aol.com. The new NatCom (Libertarian National Committee) Region No. 5 includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington D.C., and Virginia.
- 2) The Chair announced that she has been appointed CEO of the Mid-Atlantic Activists Coalition.

For a photocopy of the minutes of this meeting as prepared by Secretary Emerson Ellett, which includes an overview of current NJLP finances, NJLP members may send a SASE to NJLP Minutes, 281 Houses Corner Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848

ATLANTIC COUNTY LP ON THE MARCH

By Glenn Campbell

The Atlantic County Libertarian Party is proud to welcome two of our newest members, **Angelo Dellomo** of Mays Landing, and **James House** of Egg Harbor Township. Dellomo so impressed the membership that he was promptly elected Representative to the NJL State Board.

County Chair **Chris Schleyer** said of the new members, "We must be doing something right!" He adds that the two. who both intend to be active, provide the margin of manpower needed to launch an "OPH-a-month" program. OPH (Operation Politically Homeless) booths are planned at Stockton College, Rowan University, and Hamilton Mall.

The Atlantic LP meets the first Thursday of each month at the "Go-to-Guys" restaurant. For more information, contact Chris at 609 561 7935, or at schl8400@cybernet.net.

NAME THAT SAGE



Michael Faraday

Last month's quote:

"Sir, I do not know what it (electricity) is good for. But of one thing I am quite certain; someday, you (a politician) will tax it."

was the statement of British chemist and physicist **Michael Faraday** (1791-1867), who was also the author of *Experimental Researches on Electricity*, the pioneering work on the nature of electricity.

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."

Who said this? The answer in the October New Jersey Libertarian.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NJLP Steering Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 20th, 1pm At the home of Janice Presser in Moorestown 609 273 3253

NJLP Steering Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 17th, 1pm At the home of Tom Wright in Oakland 201 651 0436

NJLP General Meeting

Saturday, November 7th, 1pm At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Somerset

NJLP Steering Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 19th, 1pm At the home of Emerson Ellett in Ocean Township, Monmouth County

FORTUNE COOKIE

"From listening comes wisdom, and from speaking, repentance."

NED KELLEY FILLS AT-LARGE SEAT

At the August 16 NJLP State Board Meeting, Ned Kelley of Readington Township, Hunterdon County was elected to the Steering Committee At-Large seat vacated by Joe Siano.

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HIGHWAY ROBBERY

By Ken Bank

On July 25, Governor Whitman addressed the annual summer meeting of the Republican National Committee in New York, where she told the party's leadership they must continue to emphasize tax cuts and less government spending in their platform. In the same speech she bragged about the positive effects of her tax and spending cuts on New Jersey's economy. What most of Whitman's audience did not know was that several weeks earlier she had proposed the biggest tax and spending increase the state had seen since Jim Florio's infamous tax grab of 1990. This would increase the state's motor vehicle fuels tax by seven cents per gallon. Most of the additional revenue from this highway robbery, however, was not to be used to repair or rebuild the state's highways, but rather would be appropriated as subsidies for mass transit and farmland preservation, in effect redistributing wealth from suburban highway commuters to urban mass transit riders, rural farmers and land speculators.



Ken Bank

Ironically, Whitman received most of her support from constituencies not normally supportive of the GOP: environmental activists and union bosses. The latter would benefit from increased membership and dues from the thousands of union jobs created by new transportation projects. Republican Senate President and possible Whitman successor Donald

Whitman's tax increase was doomed, however, by her own words.

DiFrancesco was especially enthusiastic at the prospect of fattening his campaign finance coffers with contributions from wealthy contractors and union bosses who would benefit from lucrative state contracts. In fact, when confronted with poll results showing that New Jersey motorists were largely satisfied with road conditions in the state, DiFrancesco responded that it was all the more reason to spend more money to fix them. In short, if it isn't broke, fix it anyway.

Although Republicans controlled both houses of the state legislature, Whitman was determined to get her tax package passed with significant support from both parties. However, the size of the tax increase made leaders of both parties uncomfortable. Some environmentalists were uneasy with the impact new roads and mass transit lines would have on the state's ecology. Union bosses were concerned about their members paying a regressive tax to subsidize open space and inefficient farmers. After some haggling with legislative leaders Whitman agreed to support a smaller four-cent per gallon gas tax increase that would be phased in over the next three years. She also agreed that all of the money would be used for transportation projects. To placate environmentalists, Whitman also agreed to a constitutional amendment, which would dedicate \$100 million of sales tax revenues over the next ten years to finance open space acquisition. As the compromise was reached there appeared to be no organized opposition to any increase in the gas tax. Groups prominent in the anti-Florio tax movement in 1990 and 1991 were conspicuously silent when Whitman proposed her tax increase. This supports the idea that their leaders depend on patronage favors from the Whitman administration, and that their nominally nonpartisan anti-tax groups are financed with soft money from Republicans.

This belief was expressed by talk radio host Bob Grant who, along with Sam Perelli of United Taxpayers of New Jersey, was among the few prominent New Jerseyans forcefully opposing any tax increase. Grant announced over the air that he would leave the Republican Party and join the Libertarian Party if the Republicans passed the tax increase, and he also pledged to endorse Libertarian candidates for the legislature who opposed Republican incumbents who voted for the tax. Whitman's tax increase was doomed, however, by her own words. The weekend before the tax increase was scheduled for a vote. Whitman gave her New York speech denouncing Democrats as the party of tax-and-spend liberals. This did not sit well with state Democrat leaders who quickly changed their minds about supporting any Republican tax increase before next year's legislative elections. Although Whitman had the Republican votes to pass the tax increase anyway, Republican leaders decided to pull the bill rather than support a tax increase without Democratic support. This does not mean there won't be a tax increase, only a delay until after the next legislative elections when Republican and Democrat leaders would be in a better position to trade favors for each other's votes. There are simply too many big contributors to both parties anxious to increase the gas tax so they can enrich themselves with more lucrative state transportation contracts.

As to the open space proposal, legislators from both parties overwhelmingly passed a constitutional referendum to be placed on the ballot in the election this November. This enabled them to placate their environmentalist supporters without specifically voting for a tax increase. However, in order to finance the ten year \$100 million annual commitment for open space acquisition and farmland preservation, spending will have to be reduced in other areas or other taxes will have to be increased. Even more insidious is Whitman's plan to use a thirty-year bond issue to accelerate open space acquisition and use part of the dedicated tax revenues for debt service. The additional debt burden, coupled with last year's \$2.8 billion pension-fund financing scheme, expands taxpayers' liabilities after Whitman leaves office. This November, when the constitutional amendment is on the ballot, and next November, when the Legislature is up for reelection; the Libertarian Party will have an opportunity to remind voters of the dangers that exist when one party taxes-and-spends, the other borrows-and-spends, and no one represents the interests of the people who have to pay the bills when they finally come due.

Ask The Campaign Pro

I am trying my best to run a campaign, but all the candidate's friends and relatives, who have no political experience, keep trying to butt in. What do I do?

There are two professions where amateurs think they know more than professionals. One is politics and the other one . . . well, the other one isn't. In a polite but firm manner, tell the candidate, not his minions, that these people are getting in the way of you performing your job. Thus, it's them or you. If he doesn't immediately back you, *I mean in a heartbeat*, trust me, he's gonna back them. At that point, get off the Titanic before the last lifeboat leaves.

I want to throw a good party for my largest contributors. Any suggestions?

First off, remember the party is for them, not for you and the campaign staff. The last place middle-aged business types and professionals want to hang out is at a drunken debating festival full of pony-tailed "Save the Bales" Randian nimrods. Set the tone of the shindig to the folks it is attempting to entertain.

If they are the typical contributor and you can afford it: For music, you can't go wrong with Oscar Peterson or Art Tatum (also try the Rhino records, Ultra-Lounge series



David Kamioner

if you really want to swing). Food: butlered, catered hors d'oeuvres. Booze: Some light beer and wine for the chicks and wuss guys and imported beer and top shelf liquor for the amusing individuals. Also, decent mixers and a bartender. Nothing ruins a good party like badly made cocktails. Space: One a tad too small for the anticipated multitude. Closer quarters makes for more conversation and more entertainment on many levels. Dress: Business if it's after work or at night, casual elegance if on a weekend day or outdoors. Unless you want to try that coolest, yet potentially hardest to pull off right, the English day lawn party or the evening formal lawn party. Guests: If you have the contacts; your contributors, a smattering of media, political, business and legal people, with a smidgen of attractive unattached women. Length: Three hours ought to do it. A final note: For a small fee that includes roundtrip first class airfare, a teenage female personal assistant. luxury hotel accommodations and various other expenses, I'd be happy to come out and help you with all the arrangements.

Should I put "Libertarian" on my lawn signs?

Do the Reps and the Dems? No. Why? Because they realize by doing that you're going to alienate important crossover voters you're going to need. Especially these days, when party loyalty means less and less, don't remind people you're not in their political tribe. Once in office, show them by example why they should switch. If you want to keep the "L" word off, but still let voters know where you'll be on the ballot, put the lever or button number on the sign.

Note: I hope to see all of you guys at War and the Art of Politics, on 9/12-9/13 in Wilmington, Delaware. It's going to be some intense politics, if the last one was any indication, with a very high entertainment quotient thrown in. For more info, fax me (610 372 7058), e-mail me at kamioner@hotmail.com or call me (610 376 8615) or contact Mike Sensor, Chairman of the Delaware party at sensor@dol.net. Will see you there and, if the spirit so moves me, I might even buy you a drink.

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Attention Candidates!

We can now provide you with mailing labels addressed to all NJLP members in your congressional district at a nominal cost. Inexpensive candidate literature can also be done. Please contact Jack Toussaint at 973 584 7047 or email jtoussaint@aol.com

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OPINION

EDITORIAL: WHY BOTHER TO WORK FOR FREEDOM?

Few of us say it aloud, but many of us think it at some point: Why am I doing this? What is the point of being a Libertarian activist?

The Libertarian Party may be bigger, more influential, and growing faster than the other "alternative" political parties, but so what? We still don't win many elections, and we still haven't stanched America's hemorrhage of freedom. And the time and money devoted to the cause might pay off in more fulfilling personal or professional lives, if spent elsewhere. So why do we pay membership dues, go to meetings, run for office, write letters to the editor. etc.? What do we get out of our Libertarian activities?

I asked myself these questions. The answers:

- 1) A clear conscience. Someday in the not-too-distant future, when America's fling with authoritarian socialism is over, questions will be asked. How could this happen in America? Who is responsible? Why did so many support the politicians and judges who did this? What was your role? Did you help the Republicratic Party while they undermined the Bill of Rights and the Constitution? What did you say and do while they herded hundreds of thousands of non-violent "criminals" into prisons? What did you do about bureaucrats who dabbled in genocide? Were you one of the supporters the government bought with the loot from taxes and asset forfeiture? My conscience is clear. When these questions are asked, I'll stand up straight and list all the things I did to resist. What will you say?
- 2) Fame. The media continually showers us all with messages, but few of them touch me the way a call for freedom does. When I see or hear libertarian messages, I get a thrill from recognizing my own principles in other people. It's like passing a mirror while walking down a city street. I feel I'm sharing the author or speaker's fame. And when freedom is restored, those who helped make it happen will be recognized.
- 3) Pride. I believe our ideas are the most important part of the legacies we leave. So the quality of those ideas is of paramount importance to me. I need to feel proud of what I do. and don't do. So doing nothing to restore freedom in America isn't one of my choices.
- 4) Social skills. You can acquire social skills elsewhere. But you may as well do some good while you're acquiring them.

-EW

BOB GRANT'S NO LIBERTARIAN

Editor:

I was dismayed to read that Bob Grant has once again threatened to join the LP. I've listened to his freak show enough to know that, even though he is correct on many issues, he is definitely not Libertarian. More important, his cowardly and bullying style would be a poor example of Libertarian behavior.

I suggest that we patiently cultivate our own celebrities who adhere to reasonable standards of decency. For example, I admire Eutrice Leed of WBAI (the socialist station) for her poise and civility. She is calmly making friends for the causes she believes in. By contrast, Grant is an equal-opportunity offender, frequently treating both friend and foe with disdain. The LP needs high-profile friends, but not that kind.

Paul Anderson Chester Borough

FROM THE CHAIR

September is here, kids are back in school, and night is coming earlier. Time for Autumn Resolutions! (Why wait till New Years?) Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Be a Libertarian Media Hero for only \$30!

 Our candidates need your help to spread the word on the issues. Cable television political ads are as low as \$30 per half minute. Radio ads are even less! Contribute what you can to the candidate of your choice.
- 2) Be an Ambassador without ever having to leave home!

 More Ambassadors for Liberty are needed by the NJLP. Ambassadors connect with groups we have something in common with and form bonds of mutual support. Everyone should be a Libertarian. Who do you know who's halfway there? Wouldn't you like to bring them a taste of Liberty?
- 3) Plan to take Election Day off and be a pollwatcher!
 Each candidate can specify party members as pollwatchers in the various voting locations. This is your opportunity to keep the election process honest, just because YOU are there!
- 4) Do your Autumn Housecleaning
 Libertarian Party documents, campaign material, and other historic
 items should be sent to our Historian, Ray Babecki. If it's useful but
 you don't need it, consider donating it to NJLP. If we can't use it for
 party business, we'll post the items and take bids!
- 5) Make your dream come true!

 Commit to being a candidate in 1999 and you'll discover talents you never knew you had! Contact us and let's make it happen!

Janice Presser, PhD State Chair

OPINION

NEW JERSEY'S NEW EMISSIONS TESTING PROGRAM WILL REVOKE OVER ONE MILLION CAR REGISTRATIONS

- WILL YOURS BE ONE OF THEM?

By Bill Duncan

Public outrage in 1995 over the quietly passed new enhanced emissions law, SCS-1700, temporarily halted its enforcement. Republicans feared widespread backlash over legislation they wrote and unanimously voted for; Governor Whitman feared losing her reelection; and Democrats upheld a back room political deal to keep their mouths shut. However, the public has been falsely led to believe that the new emissions program was dead while the state has been working nonstop to put it in place - going to bid the week after the 1997 elections, and recently signing a \$559 million dollar private contract to start construction using your tax dollars.

Since its original controversy, virtually every worst aspect of this new emissions law, publicly dubbed the "Vehicle Confiscation Law," has been confirmed. DMV Director Kamin acknowledged that the tough new test would likely fail a large number of vehicles, but promised that DMV would not allow that percentage to "exceed 30%." After the state vigorously denied they would enforce the legislation's written requirement to revoke the registration of any vehicle failing the test, Kamin acknowledged that automatic revocations would definitely occur. Said DMV Director Kamin during an open meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers, "What will be different about our system now is that there will be registration denial."

The claim in 1995 that drivers would pay \$24 for the new inspection procedure caused your legislators, DMV, and the Governor to all vehemently deny any such new fee, yet details of their recently signed construction contract proves that the new cost will actually be \$24.25 -with state allowed fee increases every single year. DMV also denied any plans to construct roadside sensors to remotely monitor car emissions as you drive by. They were later forced to admit that such a project was underway, but promised motorists that any summonses issued would be to require re-inspections only. Public outrage in 1995 after the Department of Environmental Protection simultaneously wrote legislation to allow police to access your private property without a warrant and seize any emissions failed vehicle for a \$200 bounty caused them to back down and repeal that specific section of their law. It was just an innocent typographical error," so explained state officials and DEP.

Dramatic improvements in emissions controls over the past 20 years have made most new motor vehicles over 98% pollution free, and have virtually eliminated the need for more intensive emissions testing. Within five to ten years, the highest polluting older vehicles will be out of service. In fact, both DMV Director Kamin and DEP Commissioner Shinn are on the record stating that even removing every motor vehicle from N.J. roads would not improve our air quality at all, since most pollutants travel to us from Western states. But with state politicians writing the highest spending budget in New Jersey history, spending an astounding \$68 million of taxpayers' money per day, why worry about wasting another \$559 million?

Although publicly defending their legislation as beneficial, our politicians actually authorized spending millions of dollars on billboards and handouts covering their own ass - telling waiting motorists at the new inspection stations that they were not responsible for an emissions program which would be, in their own words, "expensive and burdensome on the citizens of the State." Emerging details of the state's new construction contract shows them expanding their disinformation campaign and blatant lies on an even larger scale - with an additional \$6.2 million in public relations and promotional fees paid to a private company run by Governor Whitman's former spokesman. Incredibly, even more millions of your tax money will be wasted in order to con N.J. drivers into thinking the new emissions program will not harm them.

From the very beginning, this issue has been one involving insider politics in the pursuit of your tax money, and nothing to do with air quality. Early on, business interests pushing for an expensive new emissions program paid \$500,000 to Governor Whitman's former business partner, confidant, and campaign manager, Hazel Gluck, in order to grease the legislative process and twist arms. In addition to buying a direct line to Governor Whitman, Gluck also happened to serve as the official lobbyist for the New Jersey Press Association - a key connection many observers credit for helping the state muzzle the press.

With her reelection now safely past, Governor Whitman has decided to award this \$559 million contract to Parsons Technology, the one and only company to submit a bid; this after a previous sole bid in 1997 was refused. Even more curious, Governor Whitman's treasurer has decided to suspend the normally required legislative review process, and rush this contract through without debate. Naturally, the Whitman administration argues that over \$95,000 in 1997 contributions paid to Republican legislators, and the hiring of key GOP insiders had nothing to do with Parsons winning what, in any other business, would be called a rigged bid. Further illustrating their interest to support their political contributors, N.J. legislators have even ignored a pending \$65 million lawsuit brought by the city of Los Angeles against Parsons for fraudulent billing practices.

While the true inside story of this new emissions program is purely about politics and greed, ultimately it will prove devastating to those individuals who will lose the use of their car. Remember, this legislation is aimed at taking your car off the road! It is about forcing you into mass transportation. Like the failed HOV lanes, it will produce no reduction in air pollution whatsoever, and serves no other purpose but, as one EPA administrator termed it, "To get people out of their cars."

Still don't believe what they are planning to do to you? Just remember DMV Director Kamin's own characterization of SCS-1700 when he stated in a public forum, "To put it in my assessment of it - only in America could a program like this be designed, 'cause they used to come up with ideas like this in the Soviet Union." With the media still censoring the worst details of this new program, the only way to learn the truth is to get it for yourself. Call Legislative Services at 800 792 8630 and ask for a free copy of SCS-1700. Ask for your legislator's phone number and demand the repeal of this horrendous legislation. Contact the NJ Legislative homepage online at: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/html98/members.htm. Call the New Jersey Freedom Network hotline number - 908 277 1028, and listen yourself to Kamin's own statements.

NJLP member Bill Duncan wrote the flier that focused New Jerseyans' attention on the new emissions testing program in 1995. He lives in Hopatcong Borough, Sussex County.

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