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NJLP APPOINTS POLITICAL DIRECTOR

At the May 17 State Board Meeting, the State Board appointed NJLP member **Mike Buoncristiano** of Hoboken as the first Political Director of the NJLP.

Buoncristiano is a veteran of several campaigns for public office, and has won appointment and served on the Hoboken rent control board. He writes a column which is published in both the *NJL* and grassroots political journal *The Patriot*, and he co-hosts a cable television talk show called "*Mile Square Money Matters - the show that helps you keep an eye on your tax dollar*," broadcast by North Hudson Cablevision. He is also the owner of *Avanti!*, a direct marketing firm, also based in Hoboken, which is under contract with the NJLP to provide direct mail marketing services.



Mike Buoncristiano

The new office, whose budget has not yet been established, will initially serve as the ombudsman of NJLP candidates for public office. Buoncristiano plans to focus on recruiting candidates, helping them to build the necessary organizations, and advising them in financial and fundraising issues. As a way of stretching limited advertising budgets, Mike hopes to pool resources for a "Vote Libertarian" campaign to simultaneously support all Congressional candidates, getting more "bang for the buck" than thirteen separate ad campaigns. **A**

PRESSER FORUM TOUTED ON RADIO NEWS SHOW

On June 5th, NJLP Chair **Dr. Janice Presser** was covered at length on the all the news segments of NJ 101.5, one of the leading public affairs radio talkshow stations in New Jersey. Presser had sent the letter below to all of New Jersey's county prosecutors, and her suggestion apparently struck the station management as newsworthy.

The letter:

Dear County Prosecutor:

It has come to my attention, as reported in the press, that New Jersey has standards for prosecution of children that do not apply to adults. It is my understanding that a child who creates a list of persons whom he or she may wish to see gone from his or her life is without the protections of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Further, it is my understanding that Democrat and Republican Prosecutors, such as yourself, find these actions to also be grounds for seeking involuntary mental health evaluations of these children. I ask that every prosecutor in New Jersey make a public statement explaining the legal and moral basis for such prosecutions. My interest in knowing the legal basis for such "prior restraint" civil rights prosecutions should be obvious considering my responsibilities as the State Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. However, as a mother, a Jew, and a mental health professional, I am also concerned that a precedent is being created regarding the treatment of children which is overly intrusive into the lives and families of New Jersey.

I ask that we create a forum made up of representatives of your county's office, Judges, and child, civil rights and mental health advocates to openly discuss this subject in the presence of the public and press.

Janice Presser

Chair, New Jersey Libertarian Party

ALTERNATE DELEGATE SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

NJLP Secretary **Emerson Ellett** says that NJLP members who missed the NJLP Convention still have an excellent chance of participating at the national LP Convention as Alternate Delegates if they wish.

The NJLP may designate up to fifty such alternate delegates, and only a few have been named. If interested, you must contact BOTH of these officers:

- 1) Secretary Emerson Ellett
732 774 3684, or fellett@ix.netcom.com
- 2) Membership Officer Don Imbriale
973 383 1271, or donji@ptd.net

ATLANTIC COUNTY LP

The Atlantic County Libertarian Party met on May 20 and elected **Chris Schleyer** Chair, and Angelo Dellomo State Board Representative.

Dellomo's election is contingent on his joining the Libertarian Party.

TWO FROM NJLP SEEK AT-LARGE NATCOM SEATS

NJLP Chair **Janice Presser**, of Moorestown, and member **Mike Buonerisitano**, of Hoboken, have announced their candidacies for At-Large seats on the Libertarian National Committee (NatCom).

The seats will be filled by election among the delegates at the National LP Convention, on July 4 weekend, in Washington, D.C.

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HUNTERDON LP INAUGURAL MEETING

By Ned Kelley

The burgers were well-done and the political discussion was done well. There were a dozen present, at the home of NJLP member **Rob Tannen** in Stockton, including NJLP legend **Dick Siano**, the only NJLP member to defeat all other comers and win a partisan election.

Some spice was added (and I don't mean mustard) by a couple of hate mongers who were unfortunately invited by us. They were NOT libertarians, but on the mailing list because of a donation. One of them was obsessed by race issues, and held forth vehemently against the Libertarian Platform position on immigration.

I was concerned these two might reflect poorly on the LP to the prospective members present. But it worked out well; they were able to see us in contrast and not in agreement with a racist. After some heated exchanges, both of the offending two left.

We got some business done, and resolved to:

- 1) Host an OPH booth at the Flemington Fair in August.
- 2) Sponsor a libertarian essay contest for schoolchildren in the county.
- 3) Provide a forum for our Congressional Candidate, **Joe Siano**.

FORTUNE COOKIE

"Magnanimity will bring you universal respect."

SOMERSET/MIDDLESEX LP ELECTS OFFICERS

At the May 18 meeting, the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties elected the following officers:

Chair	John Paff	Somerset
Vice Chair	Joe Siano	Dayton
Secretary	Ray Babecki	Fords
Treasurer	Howard Schoen	Edison

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ENDORSES LP CANDIDATE

On May 15, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*—the largest and most influential newspaper in or near South Jersey—endorsed **John Featherman** of the Pennsylvania Libertarian Party, in the special election to replace Tom Foglietta in Congress.

His opponents are a Democrat who is "vague," a Republican who is "running a pulseless campaign," and a Reform "overly dependent on Ross Perot boilerplate."

The congratulations of the NJLP to Mr. Featherman and the Pennsylvania LP. **T**

PRESSER ADDRESSES ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

Janice Presser addressed New Jersey's Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), on April 22. ELEC enforces the rules made for elections by the legislature and courts; for example, it was ELEC which ruled on whether the Sabrin Campaign of '97 would be legally considered an "official" campaign.

Presser's comments:

I am the Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party. I have an earned doctorate in family therapy and development. I have been accepted as an expert in family and ethics matters in numerous courts. I am the author of five books on the family. I have been a family therapist, college professor, consultant, employee, and president of a manufacturing company. Today, I am here because of the most important job I ever had. I am a mother.

As mothers and fathers all over America do, I raised my children to be good citizens, to share their toys, to clean up after themselves, to treat people in the same way that they wanted to be treated. Those of you who are parents know that is a difficult job indeed, and that it requires both keeping eternal vigilance and always setting a good example. Children learn their lessons from our behavior, not our words. If we talk about equality, but shun some of our neighbors because we believe that they are less than equal, our children will grow up to be bigots. It is when we embrace the spirit as well as the letter of the rules of morality that we teach from our hearts.

As a person whose ancestors were annihilated because they were not "politically correct," I had long held fears that my children would be the targets of prejudice. Believing that "what goes round comes round," I was therefore very careful to facilitate experiences for them where they would meet diverse people with diverse appearance, culture, and beliefs. When it came to politics, that part was easy. My husband and I are long time Libertarians, and we included the children in discussions about history, current events, and philosophy.

I want to share with you some of the points we wanted them to understand:

First, no one should have more rights than anyone else.

Second, coercion or the use of physical force to get what you want is unacceptable.

Third, anyone can grow up to be President, or even a Commissioner.

Our children believed us, but they are no longer children. As children do, they have emerged as fully grown adults, with mature cognitive skills. Now they analyze situations without our help. And it is now that I have a credibility problem. My credibility problem springs from the fact that I taught them the ideals of democracy, just as I learned when I studied the lives and philosophy of the founding fathers and mothers of this country. When they were small, I still assumed that anyone involved in government would believe in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I now wonder if I was right. ELEC's actions have told our children that Republicans and Democrats have more rights than Libertarians, and other smaller political parties. ELEC's actions in securing and spending taxpayer dollars for gubernatorial matching funds are coercive.

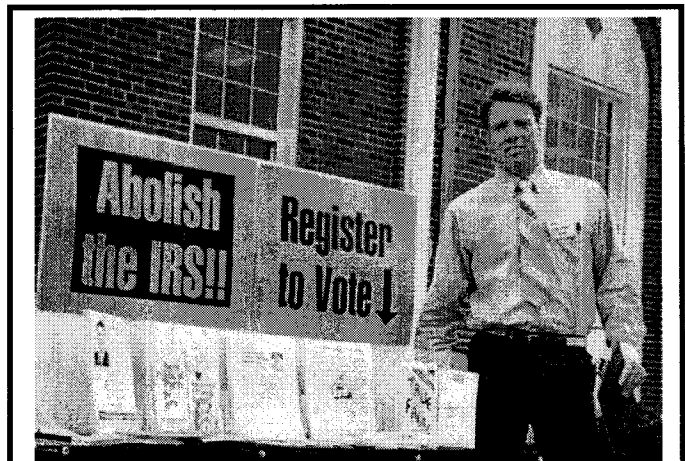
And the composition of the members of ELEC—half from the Democrat Party and half from the Republican Party—mean that some people cannot ever hope to be a Commissioner, much less President.

I came here today to ask you in the name of parents all over New Jersey to set a good example and keep the values that inspired the founders of this nation.

They wanted us to have the ability to speak freely and be heard. We cannot do this if our candidates cannot be in the debates. They wanted us to be free of coercion, to make the everyday choices that define a life lived in freedom. We cannot do this if we are stifled by the majority parties' stranglehold on the system. And they wanted us to believe that there could be liberty and justice for all. We cannot say this ideal is reality as long as there are rules for some that are not rules for all.

And so I ask you as a parent, citizen, and Libertarian, that you act in the spirit of our founders. Stop letting Republicans and Democrats monopolize the podium. Open the election process to the greatest number of participants. Realize that when you don't allow some people to become part of the system, we all lose.


And, please, help me restore my credibility with my children. A



Monmouth LP Chair **Steve Nagle** on Tax Protest Day, at the Belmar Post Office, where he was joined by **Emerson Ellett**, **Mike Panella**, and **Bob Jenkins**. As this picture was taken, Monmouth Libertarians **Len** and **Ginny Flynn** worked the Hazlet Post Office, and **Joe Cheripko** held forth at the Howell Post Office.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR NJLP CANDIDATES WITHOUT COMPUTERS

In an age when most communications pass through many computers on their way from informer to informed, those without computers can be at a distinct disadvantage – unless they're NJLP candidates for public office, that is!

Professional computer programmers and NJLP Webmaster **Chris Wuestefeld** and Vice-Webmaster **Mike Pierone** stand ready, willing and able to make your plain text or even handwritten information into a subsite accessible through the NJLP website at <http://www.njlp.org>. Send your information to Chris at webmaster@njlp.org, or by snailmail at 200 Woolf Road, Milford, NJ 08848. 

WALL INTERNET ESTABLISHES PERMANENT NJLP E-MAIL INDEX

You know the dilemma: you want to send a party official e-mail, and you just can't find their e-mail address. When you do find it, you've forgotten the purpose of the message.

This can now be a thing of the past: NJLP member **Chris Weimann** at Wall Internet has arranged a battery of e-mail addresses for all NJLP officials with their office's name:


Permanent e-mail address Current Officeholder

chair@njlp.org	Janice Presser
vicechair@njlp.org	Len Flynn
secretary@njlp.org	Emerson Ellett
treasurer@njlp.org	Lou Stefanelli
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webmaster@njlp.org	Chris Wuestefeld

Reach the NJLP contact or local LP organization in your county with this address formula:

Using Ocean County as an example,

- 1) Contact the local organization at: ocean@njlp.org
- 2) Send to the local organization's membership at: ocean-talk@njlp.org
- 3) To subscribe to the mailing list in #2, send e-mail to ocean-talk-request@njlp.org with SUBSCRIBE in the body of the message (not the "subject" field).

If you need help, contact Chris Weimann at: cweimann@wallnet.com, or at 732 223 1777. 

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"NOTICE: this garment meets the general wearing apparel requirements of the Flammable Fabrics Act; however, it is flammable and should not be worn near sources of fire."

— tag on a garment from Wear Guard
of Norwell, Massachusetts



MERCER COUNTY LP TO HOLD ELECTIONS

The Mercer County Libertarian Party will elect new officers, including a State Board delegate, at its September meeting.

For more information, call **Chris Toto** at 609 883 0697, or **Carl Peters** at 609 737 7667.


HEADED SOUTH

The Editor and Circulation Manager of the *New Jersey Libertarian* will both serve as delegates to the National Libertarian Party Convention in Washington, D.C. from July 1st to July 5th, so the July newsletter will be combined with the August newsletter.

Watch the Convention on C-SPAN, and see your fellow New Jersey Libertarians in action!

SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOW

The Sussex County Area Libertarian Party seeks volunteers to help staff its booth at the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, one of the largest fairs in New Jersey.

The booth must be staffed from 10 am to 10 pm, every day from Friday, July 31 to Sunday, August 9. Commitments of as little as three hours are welcome. Call **Tony Federici** at 973 764 7289 before 10 pm. 

ASK THE CAMPAIGN PRO

By David Kamioner



David Kamioner

It seems to me that we as a party are in need of a serious image makeover. Is there anyplace we can look to for an example?

Yes. The recent experience of the Labor Party in the United Kingdom proves useful. Not primarily in the policy sense but, as you mention, largely in image. Not many years ago the Labour Party was a polyester-clad group of Stalinist retreads, solidly trounced by the Tories in three general elections and almost consigned to the ash heap of British history. Their leaders were strident, inarticulate political amateurs obsessed with unwinnable fights, and were more concerned with ideological purity than with holding elective office to see their agenda become a reality (beginning to sound familiar?) But then a group of young aggressive modernizers managed to get control of the levers of the party through internal skullduggery and proceeded to drag Labour kicking and screaming into the media-driven, image-conscious 1990s. They started to address issues that mattered to voters on a day-to-day basis. They cut their hair and wore attire befitting their high profile. They changed the party name to New Labour (thus making a seemingly clean break with their clunky past); they put the ideologues in the policy units and the professionals in the political units; they changed the party logo and did a host of other things that made the public comfortable with them in government. They call it "rebranding."

Today, with a massive majority in the House of Commons, they are "rebranding" Britain.

What's the line between clever and slick?

Excellent question. Answer: a damned thin one. My rule, because I don't do a lot of work in the area I grew up in and thus my perspective is generally that of an outsider, is that if I personally like the spot too much, I'm suspicious of it. As a South Floridian by upbringing (and of Colombian ancestry by the grace of God), I tend to like the on-the-edge stuff. But I know full well that few in Kansas, Minnesota, or most other places in this fruited plain share my attitudes. And if you do something too slick, too smartass, just too simply amusing in a place that isn't going to get it, and you're going to pay for it at the polls. Your best bet? Put together a focus group of locals and make sure they buy on to the message. When in Rome...

What's the toughest race you've ever been involved in?

Hard to say; I've been in more than one stiletto fight in a dark alley. Maybe the toughest was also the one with the slimmest margin; knocked off a Republican incumbent in a 1995 County Commissioner election in Pennsylvania by 132 votes out of 60,000 cast. Of course, I guess by definition the toughest ones are the ones you lose. Toughest one of those was the State House primary race in 1996. Like an idiot, I was sure I was going to win and told everyone I knew the same. Naturally, I got my clock cleaned. That was the last time I publicly predicted an election result that I was involved in.

Realistically, how long must we wait before our party catches on?

How long did it take in 1992 for Ross Perot to catch on? Not a lot of time, that's how long. In this instant media age, they who get their message out —targeted and widely distributed— can gain instant credibility. Also, Perot had working for him at E.D.S. in Dallas, numerous ex-military types who knew how to run an organization.

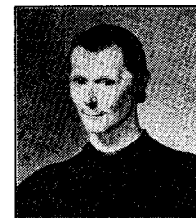
So for us? We play our cards right and "rebrand"? —could be tomorrow night!

We go on with business as usual? NEVER!

Since, by your own admission, you've never run a race with a Libertarian client, do you really deserve to be called a "Libertarian" political consultant?

No. But then I have a trick right knee, and I don't deserve that either.

NAME THAT SAGE



Niccolo Machiavelli

Last month's quote:

"[a ruler] ought to encourage his citizens peaceably to pursue their own affairs, whether in trade, in agriculture, or in any other human activity, so that no one will hesitate to improve his possessions for fear that they will be taken from him, and no one will hesitate to open a new avenue of trade for fear of taxes"

was taken from *The Prince* by Fifteenth-and-Sixteenth-Century Florentine bureaucrat and diplomat Niccolò Machiavelli.

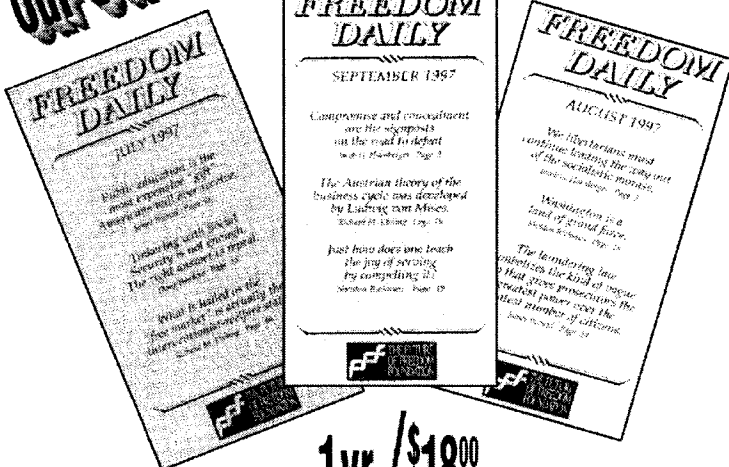
"Where liberty is, there is my country."

Who said this? The answer in the July/August *New Jersey Libertarian*

Send your questions about political operations to David Kamioner at 1251 Green Street, Reading, PA 19604, phone/fax at 610 372 6090, or email conmgmt@penndata.com. Please keep them as concise as possible. All will be answered, though not necessarily in this column.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

NJLP Steering Committee

meets at 1pm Sunday, June 21 at the home of
Lou Stefanelli, 846 Sycamore Avenue, Tinton Falls,
Monmouth County, 732 450 0270

NJLP General Meeting and Picnic

Saturday, July 11 at the home of Len and Ginny Flynn
Tennent Road, Morganville, 732 591 1328

NJLP State Board Meeting

1pm Sunday, August 16, at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George
Street, New Brunswick, 732 545 6205

NJLP Steering Committee

Meets at 1pm Sunday, September 20 at the home of
Janice Presser, Moorestown, 609 273 3253

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NJLP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 19, 1998

Location: Home of Janice Presser, Moorestown

Present: Presser, Flynn, Ellett, Quarles, Wright, Siano

Absent: Stefanelli

Successful Motions:

- 1) Ginny Flynn approved as candidate for Congress, Ninth District
- 2) Mike Panella approved as candidate for Congress, Tenth District
- 3) Lyla Lett approved as candidate for Morris County Freeholder
- 4) Janice Presser is authorized to spend up to \$150 to have business cards printed

Other Actions:

- 1) Gary Hoover was recognized as State Board Representative from Burlington County
- 2) Barry Perlman was recognized as State Board Representative from Camden County
- 3) The 1998 NJLP Summit was scheduled for November 13-15

For a photocopy of the minutes of this meeting as prepared by Secretary Emerson Ellett, NJLP members may send a SASE to NJLP Minutes at 281 Houses Corner Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848.


WHAT I LEARNED ON MY DAY OFF

By Janice Presser

On June 6, the Delaware Libertarian Party sponsored a candidate training seminar, which the Chair of the NJLP attended. The following is her report:

They entered the room civilians and left with commissions. They were the freedom-fighting, liberty-seeking, rough-and-tumble warriors of Libertarian politics. At the command was **David Kamioner**, political consultant.

This was not a typical campaign seminar. This was war. Three candidates, with their committees, conspired to get media position, public opinion, and PAC money, all while side deals and strategic alliances were made, broken, and re-made, and rumors flew, and the soldiers dined on cold pizza, the official food of Libertarian campaigning. Not only was there an elaborate simulation of an actual election (in this case, a Libertarian Party Congressional Primary in Indiana), but there was a simultaneous simulation of pre-World-War II Europe and its environs.

Two of the candidates were from Delaware, and the third yours truly, fighting hard and dirty, and winning with four times the resources of one opponent and completely knocking the other out of the race. It's preparation—for this year's congressional race. 

OPINION

EDITORIAL: THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY ELECTION PROCESS

The 1996 LP National Convention was an exciting, reassuring, inspiring, and productive event. But it wasn't perfect, and an important improvement needs to be made for this year's convention.

Among other business, the Party spent much of two days examining refinements to its Platform, adopting some and rejecting others; spent much of two days exploring a plethora of candidates for its presidential nomination; and an hour to examine and choose a Chair. If that doesn't sound incongruous, it should: the Chair of any party out of power is more important to his or her party than *any* politico of the status quo parties. And we chose ours without hearing either candidate address the convention. Only nominating speeches for the rival candidates were presented, and of course the candidates themselves didn't present them.

One New Jersey delegate voted for None of the Above, not because he didn't have a preference, but to protest the fact that the delegates (many of whom knew little or nothing about either candidate) had no chance to hear them out and compare them. It's not reasonable to expect informed decisions under those circumstances. And there will be more time available this year, because no presidential nomination must be made.

Let's make sure that all National Committee seats are filled only after the entire convention has heard all contenders for each seat.

— EW



HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING ABOUT GUNS

By Janice Presser

Okay, I'll admit it. I was an effete intellectual snob. I really couldn't help it. Born and reared in New York City, college student in the 60's, liberal family. I hated the NRA. They were killing Bambi and Thumper and hanging their heads over the fireplace.

Besides, my family was Jewish and didn't eat venison. I did not relate to gun owners, who I lumped with rednecks, moonshiners, and hillbillies.

I blithely accepted the downsides of big city living: the violent crimes, the crimes against property, and the petty, everyday annoyances. The idea of self-defense was not widespread in this pre-Bernhard Goetz era.

But I grew increasingly aware of the parallels between the history of Jews in Europe and African Americans in the United States. The glaring burden they bore, whether in a small Alabama town, large northern city, Eastern European shetyl (small ghetto), or the huge Warsaw Ghetto, was that they were not permitted to have guns. It was not that they were prevented from hunting. They were prevented from defending themselves against those who would hunt them.

Even then, old ideas die hard. More so, if you need to believe that they are correct. Like most people who have been victimized, I realized that my strategy was to placate oppressors, not challenge them. That realization was the beginning. I began to think in terms of my life versus a predator's. Where before, wounding or killing another human being was unthinkable, now it became a possibility if it meant survival of my family or myself. In some situations, survival requires self defense with a weapon.

Having gotten this far, I am now ready to learn to shoot. I still won't be shooting Bambi and Thumper. I don't want to eat them, and I don't want to hang their heads on the wall. I only want to remind myself of what I have learned: that you are not truly free until you have claimed your natural right to defend yourself.

Dr. Janice Presser is State Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, Congressional Candidate in New Jersey's Third District, and a member of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. She credits her Libertarian colleagues for her enlightenment about the right to bear arms.

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OPINION

THE VIEW FROM HOBOKEN

By Mike Buoncristiano

A PROVEN WAY TO RESTRAIN TAX INCREASES – Supermajority for Tax Hikes Makes Sense for New Jersey. According to the **Cato Institute**, taxes rose five times faster in states without supermajority requirements, a sound argument to press for this important change without delay.

"Supermajority requirements merely ask legislators to reach a broader consensus when they want to take more money out of their constituents' pockets," Cato analyst Dean Stansel told a New Jersey State Senate committee recently. The legislature is considering a bill that would require that all tax hikes be approved by a three-fifths supermajority of both houses.

Stansel noted that there are now 13 states with supermajority provisions—six of them have been in force since 1990. "Residents in states that already have supermajority requirements found that their tax burdens increased by only 1.1 percent from 1980 to 1996, while residents in states without such requirements saw state taxes as a share of personal income go up by 5.4 percent," Stansel told the senators.

"Supermajority requirements also have proven to have a noticeable impact on top tax rates," Stansel reported. "In 10 states—all without such requirements—residents face higher top personal income tax rates today than they did in 1990. None of the 13 supermajority requirement states have higher top rates than they did in 1990, and 3 have reduced their top rates."

Stansel concluded, "Today, Americans have to spend more on taxes than they do on food, clothing, shelter and transportation combined. Is it too much to ask that more than a simple majority be required to make that burden even higher?"

OPPORTUNITY DEFENDED – It's only fair to give credit when due: kudos to Assemblyman Joseph Azzolino for his stand on the basic freedom to run a home-based business. He recently pointed out that New Jersey has between 250,000 and 500,000 people working out of their homes. It makes sense to encourage opportunity like this since most businesses in America were started in someone's home. Azzolino is right as quoted in New Jersey Business news: "Home-based business is entrepreneurship at its best."

What doesn't make sense is that the Senate is apparently kowtowing to the League of Municipalities to block a basic freedom that has certainly contributed heavily in the past to America's world leadership in commerce and New Jersey's stature as a major home for business and technology. Anybody remember how ADP got started? C'mon, Senators, be statesmen, not just purveyors of patronage. We need freedom to prosper much more than we need a slew of anti-opportunity inspectors inflating city budgets.

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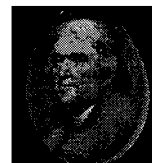
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