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A special message from Assemblyman Will Barclay



The governor and other elected officials are promoting a plan to **subsidize political campaigns** with state funds. Under the various plans, private contributions would be matched by public funds. The public should be wary of any plan that leaves New Yorkers footing the bill for politicians' campaigns and here's why.

Currently, individuals can financially support candidates of their choosing. Under publicly-funded campaigns, your tax dollars will go to candidates that you may **fundamentally disagree** with and **help them to get elected**. Think about a politician that you may completely disagree with – under this plan, your tax dollars could go to **support them**.

New Yorkers face the highest taxes in the nation. Various studies estimate that public financing of campaigns will cost **approximately \$400 million** for a four-year cycle (A.2009-C). Wouldn't these funds be better suited to reduce New York's high tax burden? Publicly-financed campaigns will cost millions.

Lastly, despite a lot of rhetoric, **public financing of campaigns** will not bring forward candidates that are more ethical or moral. Just look at **New York City**, which has public financing, and you will see that **corruption still exists**.

*The 2019-20 State Budget establishes a Public Financing Commission to implement public campaign financing for legislative and statewide offices (A.2009-C).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Barclay".

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