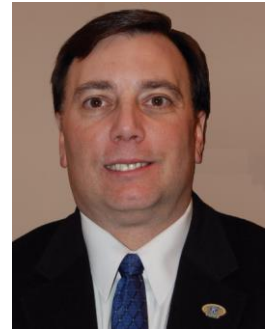


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CARL BERGMANSON ENDS CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with regret that I announce that I have ended my campaign for the 2013 Democratic Nomination for Governor.

Three weeks ago, the New Jersey State Democratic Committee – in direct violation of New Jersey law – launched a campaign to render the June 4th primary for Governor meaningless by using the court system to remove all the Democratic candidates for Governor from the ballot, save the one favored by the party bosses – State Senator Barbara Buono. To date they have spent more than fifty thousand dollars in this effort – money that they should have been spending building up our party instead of attacking fellow Democrats.

We fought this outrageous attack on our primary election system as best we could, but we were no match for the virtually unlimited funds available to the State Democratic Committee and we simply ran out of money. Our legal advisors told us that we needed to come up with at least \$10,000 in 2 days to continue the legal battle. Even though we felt that we would most likely prevail in court, the campaign fund was almost dry, and unlike one-percenters like Barbara Buono and Chris Christie, I am just a regular working-class guy, so there was no way I could come up with that kind of money in such a short time period. On April 15th, the decision was made – by me – to pull the plug.

As Democrats, as New Jerseyans, and as Americans, we need to ask ourselves what has happened to our electoral system. That our own State Democratic Committee would engage in this sort of shameless and illegal activity is disheartening, but given the machine's long history of criminality, it can hardly be called surprising. More disheartening is that the Attorney General's office has stood by and done nothing to stop it. Most disheartening to me, as a former Journalism student, is that, with a few minor exceptions, this attack on New Jersey's system of government has gone virtually unmentioned by New Jersey's news media. The machines are becoming more and more brazen, and I fear that soon even the pretense of free and fair elections in New Jersey will be a distant memory.

I'd like to thank all of you who have supported me in my campaign. I will continue to speak out against our broken political system and against the political machines that are destroying our towns and our state and I look forward to working with you again soon in the noble effort to restore liberty, prosperity, and truly representative government to New Jersey.

Carl