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## NEW YORK'S HIGHEST-IN-THE-NATION CONTRIBUTION LIMITS GO UP

### DONORS CAN NOW CONTRIBUTE NEARLY \$70,000 TO GOVERNOR

(Albany, N.Y.) New York has the highest campaign contribution limits of any state that has limits. Under New York law, those contribution limits are automatically increased every four years after a gubernatorial election (section 104-114(10)(b)). The State Board has issued those regulations and they show that contributors may now be able to donate nearly \$70,000 to candidates for governor (for a 4 year cycle).

New York's sky-high contribution limits need to be brought back to earth and a new system that relies on small donors, with matchable public resources, put in its place.

"Without a fair elections system that encourages small donations from regular donors, New York's system will just get more tilted toward the very wealthy people and powerful organizations that can afford to make \$70,000 donations," said Blair Horner of NYPIRG. "That's why hundreds of New Yorkers will come to Albany next Tuesday to call for a campaign finance system that includes matching funds for donations from average New Yorkers."

NYPIRG is one of more than 200 groups that are part of the Fair Elections for New York effort. There will be a lobby day this Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to <https://fairelectionsny.org/>.

Office	Election	Non-Family Contribution Limits 2018	New Limits <sup>1</sup>
Statewide	Primary	Total number of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the state, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$0.005. <u>The highest limit is \$21,100 for Democrats</u> <u>\$13,374 for Republicans</u>	\$22,600 for Democrats \$14,300 for Republicans
	General	\$44,000	\$47,100
Party Committees		\$109,600	\$117,300
State Senate	Primary	\$7,000	\$7,500
	General	\$11,000	\$11,800
State Assembly	Primary	\$4,400	\$4,700
	General	\$4,400	\$4,700

<sup>1</sup> 2019 Inflation Adjusted Contribution Limits from the New York State Board of Elections, <https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/Regulations/Part62140CampaignContributionLimits.pdf>.