

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mend broken N.Y. elections

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There is a need for major reform of our New York state campaign finance system. Now it is time for us to tell our representatives, "This has to change," and to demand that Gov. Andrew Cuomo live up to his promise to reform the system and make recommended changes.

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The Moreland Commission report has recommended many reforms to address the current "incompetent" and "dysfunctional" election process. One glaring area of concern is our state Board of Elections, which does not enforce the laws and ignores its staff's recommendations. A critical step is to replace the state Board of Elections' inadequate oversight of the campaign financing system with an independent, nonpartisan watchdog.

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Also, the League of Women Voters urges lower contribution limits, elimination of loopholes, robust disclosure of contributions and a public financing system of elections through a small-donor match process.

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