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THE CAMPBELL INSTITUTE PRESENTS A PUBLIC DEBATE ON
INCREASING TAXES ON THE WEALTHY

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The Campbell Public Affairs Institute at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University announces *The Campbell Debates*, a debate series on timely issues of public importance with a fresh, provocative format.

Employing a style adapted from the Oxford Union debates, each Campbell Debate will allow a gathered audience to consider a question of national, regional or local significance. Two panels comprised of thought leaders will argue for each side, followed by counterpoints and audience questions and comments. At the conclusion of the debate, the audience will vote on the proposition by walking out one of two doors. The format aims to showcase a lively, informative exchange of ideas on controversial issues and to stimulate thinking in a way that is not common to contemporary American political debates.

WHAT: The Inaugural Campbell Debate
Proposition: This assembly would increase taxes on the wealthy.

WHEN: February 1st, 2012, 7 p.m., reception following

WHERE: Hosmer Auditorium, Everson Museum, 401 Harrison St, Syracuse

SEATS: To ensure a seat, please RSVP to campbell@maxwell.syr.edu

FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE:

- **Leonard Burman**, Moynihan Chair of Public Affairs at the Maxwell School; former director of the Tax Policy Center.
- **Jennifer Hamlin-Navias**, United Church of Christ and Unitarian-Universalist minister, Associate Minister of Religious Education at May Memorial Unitarian-Universalist Church.
- **Eliot Spitzer**, former Governor and Attorney General of the State of New York.

FOR THE NEGATIVE:

- **John DeFrancisco**, New York State Senator for the 50th District and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.
- **Kevin Hassett**, Director of Economic Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute and columnist for the National Review; former Senior Economist for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.
- **Deborah Warner**, Vice President for Public Policy, CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity.

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