

Contact: Matthew Lesko
Phone: 301-929-8400
email: matthew@lesko.com

12079 Nebel St.
Rockville, MD 20852
www.lesko.com/liedetector

Information USA, Inc.

Press Release: For immediate release

Lie Detector Challenge...

Free Money Man vs NY Consumer Protection Board

Rockville, MD (August xx, 2005) - New York Times Best Selling Author, Matthew Lesko, passed a lie detector test proving the New York Consumer Protection Board was "*flat wrong*" in their report that he is lying about free government programs. The test was conducted by Dr. Ed Gelb, one of the country's most respected lie detector experts, and broadcast on PAX TV's Lie Detector Show. View the actual test at www.lesko.com/liedetector



Free Money Man's Challenge

New York Times Best Selling Author Matthew Lesko, the Free Money Man, is challenging the New York Consumer Protection Board (CPB) to take a lie detector test to show to Americans that it is their knowledge of government money programs that is wrong.

Americans Deserve the Truth

In a statement released by Lesko, "I suggest that the CPB take a lie detector test, to prove to all Americans that there are 10,000 or more resources for free government money. They are flat out wrong and need to support their statements criticizing the information in my books with a validated lie detector test as I have done." Lesko's extensive research and twice best-selling information books remain unchallenged. The CPB has no current outstanding complaints regarding Lesko.

CPB Finds 250 Billion Dollars Available

The CPB report claims there is little free money available to consumers. To support their claims they state that the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) "agrees with them." The OMB is an executive branch office responsible for "*developing and implementing management policies for the government.*" The OMB supports the president by writing and managing the federal budget. The CPB asked this office about **grant money** and in turn, they were informed that there is about 250 billion dollars of designated federal **grant money**.

Ask an Authority -- Find a Trillion Dollars More!

However, in addition to grant money, the CPB should have been asking the office about **Direct Payment** money. About one trillion dollars of free money goes directly to eligible consumers. Direct payment programs provide 80% of all of the FREE money paid to the American public. This money is not called "grant money," it is called **Direct Payment Money** ⁽¹⁾. If the CPB had asked Lesko, the World's Leading Expert on Free Money, where to find the correct information, he would gladly have pointed them in the right direction – **Direct Payment Money**.

Lesko Is The World's Leading Expert on Free Money

Lesko has written over 100 books on the subject of free money, including two New York Times Best Sellers. His books have been included in the Best Reference Books of the Year. Lesko's information has appeared in many leading publications including his syndicated column in the New York Times, Good Housekeeping Magazine and The Chicago Tribune. He has appeared on hundreds of TV and radio shows including Larry King, David Letterman, Good Morning America, Oprah, and Jay Leno. In the eyes of the public, Lesko is The Expert on Free Money.

“There’s More Free Money than Ever Before

... and Americans do not need to be on welfare to collect their share of it,” sighted Lesko. The CPB claims the programs which Lesko discusses in his books are basically welfare programs like food stamps and Medicaid. Lesko counters, “I am not talking about welfare programs. In fact, it doesn’t matter if you are rich or poor, there’s free money available to millions of Americans.”

Not Welfare Money

Studies show only 12% of government money goes to low-income families; 75% of all government free money programs have no income requirements at all ⁽²⁾. Other government data shows that seniors making over \$150,000 are getting more free government money than seniors making \$15,000 ⁽²⁾ and families making over \$100,000 are getting more government money for college than families making less than \$100,000 ⁽³⁾. This is obviously not welfare money.

Discouraging Millions

By using the term “welfare”, the CPB discourages eligible people from taking advantage of available financial help. Lesko explains, “By government standards, a low-income family of four making up to \$38,000 can take advantage of what the CPB is calling a *welfare program*.” This income range includes thousands of **full-time Wal-Mart employees**, **active duty military** families and thousands of **retired seniors**, who could benefit from free money.

“Why Not Help People?”

Lesko asks, “Why would they discourage millions of eligible people? It just doesn’t make sense. Why aren’t they trying to help people?” Consumers have a right not to be misled by one government office that is trying to discourage them from taking advantage of government money programs. Especially when other government offices are spending millions of dollars trying to get money to people who are eligible.

Free Money for 49 Million Americans

Over 49 million are eligible for free money: moms, dads, singles, businesses, homeowners, renters, investors, kids, teachers, tax payers, seniors, students, workers, retired, travelers, and fun seekers. The Board makes an unsubstantiated claim that most people know about the thousands of free money programs. They claim existing government sources make it easy for people to find the free money. This flies in the face of the government’s own documented studies that show up to 34% of the people who call about programs they are eligible for get the wrong information ⁽⁴⁾ and that over 49 million consumers could call the government today to get free money and help if they only knew they were eligible!

Americans who don’t know they can receive their share of free money, if they only knew to ask for it, include: four million senior citizens that can get up to \$1,000 ⁽⁵⁾; six million families that can get free health insurance for their children ⁽⁶⁾; 10 million families that can get up to \$4,000 to pay food bills ⁽⁷⁾; 800,000 college students that can get grants of up to \$4,050 ⁽⁸⁾; single mothers that can tap into \$673 million in unclaimed child support payments ⁽⁹⁾ and 29 million seniors citizens that are eligible for free medical procedures like colonoscopies, bone mass measurements, prostate exams and glaucoma tests through Medicare ⁽¹⁰⁾.

NY Consumer Protection Board – Accept the Challenge

Lesko challenges the CPB to get their facts right and take a lie detector test to show the truth. There’s over a trillion dollars of free money available for millions of eligible Americans!

(1) <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2005/pdf/hist.pdf>

(2) “Running On Empty” by Peter G. Peterson, former Chairman of Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2004 New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

(3) <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2003/2003060c.pdf>

(4) <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05130.pdf>

(5) <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04363.pdf>

(6) <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=28333>

(7) <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04346.pdf>

(8) http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Search§ion=issue_briefs&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentFileID=1098

(9) <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04377.pdf>

(10) <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03958.pdf>