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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and
Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws
of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your letter dated March 23, 1978
Opinion #0-18-78

Dear Mr. Richmond:

Your letter dated March 23, 1978 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, has been for-
warded to me for reply.

The expenses of litigation arising out of and related
to your candidacy may, in the circumstances of your letter,
be paid from your surplus campaign funds.

Nothing in the Act would prevent the expenditure of
funds by a municipal committee for the same purpose in the
circumstances set forth in your letter, except to the ex-
tent that Section 8 of the Act, as well as N.J.S.A. 19:34-33,
prohibits expenditures by a political party committee on
behalf of the primary election campaign of a candidate.

Yours very truly,



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