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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 September 17, 1975
Opinion # (0-22-75)

Dear Mr. Singer:

Your letter dated September 17, 1975 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

The proposed action of Common Cause as described in your
letter of making a \$50.00 contribution to an organization which
we assume to be acting to promote passage of the Equal Rights
Amendment would not in itself constitute Common Cause a
political committee with respect to that public question on
the facts set forth in your letter. In addition, communica-
tions within Common Cause to its members would not constitute
Common Cause a political committee with respect to the public
question. Your letter, however, contains a reference to
telephone chains to get out the vote. If this includes communi-
cations to the general public, then that activity would con-
stitute Common Cause a political committee with respect to the
public question within the meaning of the Act, with the resulting
pre-election and post-election reporting requirements and
the other requirements of the Act.

Very truly yours,



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