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> The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973, As Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")

Your Letter Dated October 17, 1975

Opinion #(0-27-75)

Dear Senator Scardino:

Your letter dated October 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.

A newsletter of the kind you describe would be deemed by the Commission to be political and the expenses in connection with the newsletter would be an expenditure in aid or furtherance of your candidacy, if it were published during your political campaign. However, the publication of a "mid-term" newsletter, will presumably take place approximately two years prior to the next election for the office which you now hold. The publication of a "mid-term" newsletter in the circumstances you describe would not be deemed by the Commission to be a violation of the Act or to render you subject to any of the reporting requirements of the Act with respect to the publication of the "mid-term newsletter.

Yours very truly,

Legal Counsel

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