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> The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973, As Amended and Supplemented of the Act") Your Letter Dated October 17, 1975 ELECTION LAW EMPORCE Opinion #(0-28-75)

Dear Mr. Bassano:

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.

In the opinion of the Commission the letters enclosed with your letter of October 17, 1975 clearly are political in nature and necessarily are includable as expenditures in aid or furtherance of your candidacy for the State Assembly under the guidelines set forth in our letter of June 3, 1975.

Because of the political nature of the letters and because of their obvious potential effect upon the campaign, the Commission could not find your conclusion that there will be no connection between these letters and your election effort to be determinative in this case.

Yours very truly,

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