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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 June 25, 1976 Opinion #(0-27-76)

Dear Mr. Connors:

Your letter dated June 25, 1976 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The Commission does not have authority to advise with respect to the general aspects of election laws, since its authority is limited to the area of its responsibility, which is the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Disclosure Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 and following). This Act forms only a part of the election law of New Jersey, which is contained in Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes. The remainder of the election law is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of New Jersey.

The Act does not set forth what uses may be made of funds remaining after a campaign. While the Commission is required to forward to law enforcement officers evidence of violations of law, the Commission considers that transfers of such funds to the municipal or county political party committee are proper and do not require the Commission to take any action.

Yours very truly,

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