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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 October 14, 1976  
Opinion #(0-40-76)

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Your letter dated October 14, 1976 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 circumstances described in your letter the action  
of the Lakewood Democratic Council in arranging for and  
making direct expenditures for campaign expenses would  
constitute the Lakewood Democratic Council a political  
committee with the obligation to file pre-election and post-  
election reports with the Commission. The foregoing is  
subject to the provision of the statute set forth in the  
last sentence of Section 8 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8)  
which provides in part that a political committee has no  
filing obligation in the event that none of the candidates  
supported by such committee is required to file reports.

You are protected from action by the Commission with  
respect the filing requirements, if any, up to the date of  
receipt of this opinion. Accordingly, if filing is required  
by the Lakewood Democratic Council, that filing should be  
made promptly upon receipt of this opinion.

Yours very truly,



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