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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 December 23, 1976

Opinion #(0-47-76)

Dear Mr. Millet:

Your letter dated December 23, 1976 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

Expenditures incurred in the course of prosecution, either as plaintiff or defendant, of proceedings in court or before administrative agencies, do not constitute expenditures in aid or furtherance of a candidacy in the circumstances described in your letter and the reasonable and necessary legal expenses attributable to such litigation are not subject to the reporting or other requirements of the Act.

Yours very truly,

and of Farrell Edward J. Farrell

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