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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 November 15, 1976
Opinion #(0-49-76)

Dear Mr. Tworischuk:

Your letter dated November 15, 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 event that Councilwoman Villani decided to run
for reelection in 1978, the Friends of Villani would be a
political committee on her behalf and would be required to file
pre-election and post-election reports with respect to that
election setting forth the details with respect to contributions
and expenditures required under the statute.

There is no present obligation to file annual reports as
a political information organization, by virtue of a New Jersey
Superior Court decision holding that section of the Act un-
constitutional. While the case is presently on appeal, the
Commission is not seeking to enforce the provisions with
respect to political information organizations and is not
requiring filing of annual reports by such groups.

The Commission is created by Section 5 of the statute and
its authority with respect to enforcement of the Act and to
promulgate opinions is limited by the Act. We express no opinion
with respect to the use of political contributions or other
funds to make the payments of expenses of the kind described
in your letter.

Yours very truly,



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