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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 February 17, 1977 Opinion #(0-06-77)

Dear Mr. Cossaboon:

Your letter dated February 17, 1977 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

An election to recall a candidate of the kind described in your letter is deemed by the Commission to be a special election within the meaning of Section 4 of the Act and the reporting and other provisions of the Act are applicable to such election. A political committee of the kind described in your letter would be required to comply with the reporting and other requirements of the Act with respect to such election.

However, expenditures involved in the effort to obtain a recall petition made or incurred prior to the filing of the recall petition with the municipal clerk, do not constitute expenditures with respect to an election and are not subject to the reporting or other requirements of the Act.

We regret that the press of other Commission business has caused a delay in our response to your letter. You are of course protected from proceedings by the Commission arising out of the particular facts and circumstances set forth in your request until the date of receipt by you of this opinion.

Yours very truly,

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