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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 March 21, 1977
Opinion #(0-12-77)

Dear Mr. Langway:

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Your letter dated March 21, 1977 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 is created by Section 5 of the Act and its authority, including the authority to issue legal opinions, is limited by the Act. Authority respecting Title 19 (other than the Act) rests with the Attorney General. The Commission accordingly is not authorized to express any opinion with respect to whether the establishment, administration or solicitation of contributions to a separate segregated fund would constitute contributions in contravention of N.J.S.A. 19:34-45 or the Banking Act.

Yours very truly,

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