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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 April 4, 1977
Opinion #(0-13-77)

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Your letter dated April 4, 1977 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

With respect to the question raised in Paragraph numbered 1 of your letter, the Association may lawfully collect funds designated for a campaign of political candidates without limitation, except that there are limits, as discussed below, to such activity with respect to the gubernatorial general election.

The Association, as described in your letter, is organized to engage in political activity and is therefore deemed to be a political committee, subject to the requirement that the Association file pre-election and post-election reports with respect to any election in which it contributes to one or more candidates. A copy of the proposed regulation of the Commission relating to such political committees is enclosed.

With respect to the question raised in Paragraph numbered 2 of your letter, no person (including a political committee) may contribute more than \$600.00 (by way of cash or in-kind contribution) to or on behalf of a candidate for the office of Governor in the general election. The activity described in your letter of receipt of checks payable to the campaign

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of the gubernatorial candidate and the forwarding of those checks to the campaign of the candidate, would not cause those amounts to be included as part of the \$600.00 limitation on contributions by your committee.

In response to Paragraph numbered 3 of your letter, in the event that the funds were deposited into the treasury of the committee, the funds would thereupon be regarded as funds of the committee.

In answer to your question in Paragraph numbered 4 of your letter, there is such a limitation and the amount of the limitation is \$600.00 for the Association.

In answer to your question in Paragraph numbered 5 of your letter, the reporting requirement for a political committee is the filing of a pre-election and post-election report form R-1, 25 days prior to the election, 7 days prior to the election, and 15 fifteen days after the election.

Yours very truly,



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