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July 27, 1977

Mr. George E. Norman, Jr.
Vice President
Burlington Industries, Inc.
3330 West Friendly Avenue
Greensboro, North Carolina 27420

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 12, 1977
Opinion #(0-15-77)

Dear Mr. Norman:

Your letter dated April 12, 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 the numbered
Paragraph 1 of your letter, there are no restrictions which
prohibit a qualified political action committee from contributing
to candidates, except that with respect to the general
election for the office of governor (funded in part with
public funds) there is a \$600.00 limitation on contributions
from any one contributor to a candidate who has elected to
receive public funds.

A committee which is principally organized for, or the
principal business of which, is to engage in political activity
(such as a political action committee), and which makes contri-
butions on behalf of candidates, becomes a political committee
under the New Jersey Act, with the obligation of filing pre-
election and post-election reports with respect to elections
in which it makes contributions or is otherwise involved. A
copy of the proposed regulation of the Commission relating
to such political committees is enclosed.

With respect to you question numbered 2, there are no
such restrictions and contributions that would be treated in
the same manner as the contributions described in your
question numbered 1.

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Copy of the forms R-1 for reporting and instructions which accompany those forms are being forwarded to you under separate cover for your information. The statements contained in this opinion respecting limitation of the provisions of the Act and the regulation of the Commission to candidates seeking public funding are subject to a final determination by the Court in a case presently pending before the Supreme Court of New Jersey entitled Common Cause v. New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell
Legal Counsel

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Enclosure