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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 August 22, 1977 Opinion #(0-38-77)

Dear Ms. Dewar:

Your letter dated August 22, 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 does not have authority to advise generally with respect to the election laws, since its authority is limited to the area of its responsibility, which is the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Disclosure Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 and following). This Act forms only a part of the election law of New Jersey, which is contained in Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes. The remainder of the election law is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of New Jersey.

You should be aware generally that with respect to certain types of employment, the purposes for which payroll deductions may be made are governed by Section 52:14-15.9(e) of the New Jersey Statutes (N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9(e)). With respect to a similar question to that which you have raised, a formal opinion of the Attorney General has indicated that such deductions are not proper as to certain organizations falling within N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9(e). A copy of that opinion is enclosed herewith.

It is not within the jurisdiction of the Commission to express an opinion with respect to whether any portion of the activities of your particular corporate political action committee would subject it to the limitations of N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9(e) or of any other federal law of law of New Jersey or any other state.

Yours very truly,

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