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Ms. Kathleen O'Connor
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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 November 15, 1977
Opinion #(0-04-78)

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

Your letter dated November 15, 1977 to the New Jersey
Attorney General's office, including a request for advisory
opinion, has been forwarded to the New Jersey Election Law
Enforcement Commission ("the Commission") 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.

The Act does not prohibit contributions by a corporation,
and except for specific prohibitions upon contributions by
banks, insurance companies and public utilities and regulated
industries contained in N.J.S.A. 19:34-32, 19:34-45, there is
no prohibition under New Jersey law against contributions by
a corporation to a candidate in New Jersey State elections.

The Act requires that political contributions from
whatever source must be reported and the names and addresses
of contributors whose contributions exceed \$100 must be
disclosed. However, the obligation to disclose such information
is upon the campaign treasurer of the candidate, political
committee or political information organization supported
and not upon the contributor.

Very truly yours,

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