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March 27, 1978

Mr. Richard J. Coffee, Chairman  
Democratic State Committee  
226 West State Street  
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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 3, 1978  
Opinion #(0-15-78)

Dear Mr. Coffee:

Your letter dated March 3, 1978, to the New Jersey  
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),  
including a request for advisory opinion, has been for-  
warded to me for reply.

Section 4 of the Act purports to cover the election  
of delegates and alternates to a national convention; it  
is not clear whether Section 4 covers the election of  
delegates and alternates to a national conference as well.  
In either case, there would be no reporting requirement  
under the Act. If national conferences are not covered by  
Section 4, then the election would fall outside the scope  
of the Act. If the election of delegates to the Democratic  
National Party Mid-Term Conference is purportedly covered  
by Section 4 of the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and  
Expenditures Reporting Act, then the reporting requirements  
and other regulatory provisions of the Act are considered  
to be preempted by comparable regulatory provisions found  
in the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.  
Releases by the Commission regarding the issue of preemption  
have been enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell  
Legal Counsel

EJF:no  
Enclosures

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