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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 October 26, 1978
Opinion #0-24-78

Dear Mr. Singer:

Your letter dated October 26, 1978 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

Although your letter does not explicitly so state, we are assuming that the \$10.00 per month contributions referred to in your letter are not earmarked for any particular candidate or public question in an election, and that the detercandidate or in any particular election, and that the determination of the specific use of L.E.G.A.L. money is not made by the contributors generally but is made by a Board of Trustees or similar body (which may or may not include members who are contributors).

Reporting by a political committee under the Act is generally related to elections and election periods. Accordingly, on the facts set forth in your letter or assumed by us on the basis of your letter, the Commission concurs that the reporting obligation of L.E.G.A.L. would not include an obligation to report the name and address and amount of contribution for contributors whose contribution since the date of the last previous report did not exceed \$100.00.

You should be aware that under proposed amendments to the Act which are being prepared for submission to the Legislature, the reporting requirements would call for annual reporting by political committees such as L.E.G.A.L., including reporting of the name, address and amount of contribution of contributors whose contributions during the preceding year in the aggregate exceeded \$100.00.

Very truly yours,

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