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Mr. Peter P. Curtin, Jr. Executive Director New Jersey Democratic State Committee 226 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your letter dated January 22, 1980 Opinion #0-05-80

Dear Mr. Curtin:

Your letter dated January 22, 1980 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

It is not clear from your letter why the allocations described by you were not made at an earlier time so as to permit the candidates affected to reflect the allocation of those expenditures in their pre-election and post-election reports. In the circumstances you have described, the Commission would not require the filing of additional reports by candidates affected by the allocation at this time. Candidates who (for reasons other than the allocation of the additional contribution by the State Committee) are required to file 60 day reports should include in such reports the allocated expenditure by the State Committee referred to in your letter.

Nothing in this opinion is intended to be, or should be construed to be, a release of the New Jersey State Democratic State Committee from its obligation for the filing of timely and complete reports required under the Act.

Very truly yours,

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