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Francis P. McQuade, Esquire 2 Burnet Street Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

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 31, 1980 Opinion #0-07-80

Dear Mr. McQuade:

Your letter dated January 31, 1980 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

We are of the opinion that "public question" as used in the Act means a ballot question and accordingly, activities with respect to efforts to have a matter placed on the ballot are not subject to the disclosure requirements of the Act. I am enclosing a copy of an earlier opinion of the Commission relating to this subject.

Yours very truly,

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