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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 February 19, 1981
Opinion #0-05-81

Dear Mr. Katz:

Your letter dated February 19, 1981 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including
a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me
for reply.

While there has been an extension of the filing dates
provided under the lobby disclosure provisions of the law
to allow legislative consideration of the conditional veto
of the bills which would replace the existing law, the Commission
feels that a response should be made to your letter of February
19.

The Commission is not in agreement with your interpretation
of the limitation upon the term "lobbying activities" which
you describe. The change to which you referred was in fact
a removal of the detailed description of activities which
constitute lobbying activities. Accordingly, the Commission
is of the view that normal lobbying activities, when carried
on by a lobbyist who is required to file by virtue of having
met the threshold test, would not be excluded for the reasons
which you suggest.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell
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