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Dear Mr. Lowell:

I am writing in response to your letter of March 17, 1981 requesting an advisory opinion from the Commission. You have asked certain questions concerning the application of the Commission regulations concerning lobbying activity (subchapter 8 (Lobbying Disclosure), Chapter 25 of Title 19, New Jersey Administrative Code).

The regulations concerning lobbying disclosure were promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.). On May 22, 1981 the Reporting Act was amanded by the adoption of Senate Bills Nos. 1398 and 1397 as Chapters 150 and 151 of the Laws of 1981. Copies of the new statutes are enclosed for your convenience. The effect of the adoption of Chapters 150 and 151 has been to repeal the prior existing portions of the Reporting Act that dealt with political information organizations (i.e. lobbyists), and replace them with new statutory provisions. As a result, Subchapter 8 of the Commission Regulations should be regarded as effectively repealed.

Kindly be advised that the Commission anticipates preparing new regulations concerning lobbying disclosure pursuant to Chapters 150 and 151 of the Laws of 1981 in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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