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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 April 16, 1981  
Opinion #0-13-81

Dear Mr. Bozonelis:

Your letter dated April 16, 1981, to the New Jersey  
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),  
including a request for advisory opinion, has been for-  
warded to me for reply.

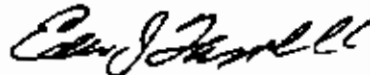
With respect to your paragraph numbered 1, an allocated  
portion of the salary of staff which is devoted to the  
production of radio and television political commercials  
and to other activity falling within the category set forth  
in N.J.A.C. 19:25-16.25 is payable out of public funds.  
Accordingly, the answer to your Query A in paragraph 1 is  
yes. The answer to your Query B in paragraph 1 is that a  
properly allocated portion of such salary may be paid from  
matching funds.

With respect to your paragraph numbered 2, the cost of  
the poll may not be paid from matching funds.

With respect to your paragraph numbered 3, the cost of  
such tapes and lists may properly be paid from matching  
funds.

With respect to paragraph numbered 4, the voluntary appearance by an entertainer in the circumstances you describe would be regarded as services performed on a voluntary basis within the meaning of subsection (f) of Section 3 of the Act. Accordingly, the answer to your Query A is no, and the answer to your Query B is no. The answer to your Query C is that the entire cash amounts paid by individuals to attend the evening fundraiser would be regarded as contributions by those individuals for purposes of calculating the \$800 contribution limit; only that portion of the cash amounts in excess of the reasonable value of the tickets to such entertainment would be available for match, as described in Regulation 19:25-16.14.

Yours very truly,



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General Counsel

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