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Advisory Opinion No. 06-1990

Dear Senator Bassano:

Kindly be advised that at its July 18, 1990 public meeting, the Commission considered your request for an advisory opinion concerning a letter circulated by Mrs. Joan M. Bassano, dated June 1, 1990, and addressed to Republican voters in Union Township. A copy of the letter is attached and incorporated by reference to this advisory opinion.

After reviewing the contents of the letter from Joan M. Bassano, the Commission found that the letter concerned candidates for election in the June 5, 1990 primary election for the Republican Party Municipal Committee in Union Township. Candidates for political party committees at the State, county, or municipal level are not subject to the reporting requirements of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act; see N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(c), which excludes from the definition of "candidate" an individual seeking party office, and see N.J.S.A. 19:44A-4(d) which excludes an election for political party office from the jurisdiction of the Act. Therefore, expenses associated with the letter you have submitted are not subject to campaign reporting under the Act.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

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