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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 November 15, 1977  
Opinion #(0-04-78)

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

Your letter dated November 15, 1977 to the New Jersey Attorney General's office, including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission") for reply.

The Commission does not have authority to advise generally with respect to the election laws, since its authority is limited to the area of its responsibility, which is the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Disclosure Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 and following). This Act forms only a part of the election law of New Jersey, which is contained in Title 19 of the New Jersey statutes. The remainder of the election law is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of New Jersey.

The Act does not prohibit contributions by a corporation, and except for specific prohibitions upon contributions by banks, insurance companies and public utilities and regulated industries contained in N.J.S.A. 19:34-32, 19:34-45, there is no prohibition under New Jersey law against contributions by a corporation to a candidate in New Jersey State elections.

The Act requires that political contributions from whatever source must be reported and the names and addresses of contributors whose contributions exceed $100 must be disclosed. However, the obligation to disclose such information is upon the campaign treasurer of the candidate, political committee or political information organization supported and not upon the contributor.

Very truly yours,

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