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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 May 14, 1980  
Opinion #0-25-80

Dear Mr. Roselle:

Your letter dated May 14, 1980, to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

— There is nothing in the Act which prevents your putting up a sign or poster at your expense on your home on behalf of any candidate for public office or sending out letters on behalf of a candidate or political party at your own expense or placing a political ad in a newspaper on behalf of a political party.

If the activities of the kind described are done by you without the consent or cooperation of the affected candidates, then the activities would be regarded as independent expenditures and you would not be subject to any of the reporting or other requirements of the Act with respect to such independent expenditures unless the amount expended by you on behalf of a specific candidate exceeded \$1,000, in which case reporting would be required under the Act.

If the expenditures were with the consent or cooperation of the candidates affected, then those activities and expenditures would be required to be reported by such candidates as part of their pre-election and post-election reports for the election.

N.J.S.A. 19:34-38.1 provides generally that political literature must include a statement of the person by whom the literature has been put forth. That section of the law is not

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part of the Act. The Commission has no jurisdiction with respect to the law and we express no opinion as to its applicability to your activities.

Yours very truly,



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