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Re: Pipefitters Local Union No. 274
Political Action Committee
Advisory Opinion 18-1985

Dear Mr. Hott:

I have been asked by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission to reply to the request for an opinion contained in your letter dated November 6, 1985.

The jurisdiction of the Commission is limited to a portion of Title 19, specifically N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 and following, relating to disclosure of campaign contributions and to public financing of gubernatorial elections, and to the administration of certain other laws not here relevant. The Commission does not have jurisdiction generally with respect to Title 19 and has no jurisdiction with respect to Title 14, relating generally to the subject matter of Labor and Workers Compensation.

Nothing in the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Disclosure Act or the related statutes administered by the Commission deals with payroll deductions. There is nothing in these statutes, nor in the regulations of the Commission enacted pursuant to these statutes, which either authorizes or prohibits any such contributions or expenditures. Accordingly, we are unable to express any opinion with respect to your correspondence with the New Jersey Department of Labor, and we are unable to express any opinion with respect to whether the Federal Election Campaign Act requires or empowers the deductions you refer to, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 14:11-4.4.

Very truly yours,

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