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Honorable Frederick DeVesa  
Attorney General of the State of New Jersey  
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Re: Advisory Opinion Request  
ELEC File No. A.O. 09-1993

Dear Attorney General DeVesa:

The Commission directed me at its meeting of October 22, 1993 to request an Advisory Opinion from your office concerning the applicability of N.J.S.A. 19:34-45 to a contribution to be made to a committee organized to support or defeat a public question from a corporation which possesses a federal bank charter.

I have enclosed a copy of correspondence received by the Commission on October 20, 1993 from Bruce R. Rosenberg, Esq., counsel to the Vote Yes for Sunday Shopping Committee, a committee receiving contributions and making expenditures for a public question on the November 2, 1993 general election ballot in Bergen County. Mr. Rosenberg's letter sets forth the pertinent facts and legal arguments as to whether, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:34-45, the Vote Yes for Sunday Shopping Committee may accept a contribution from a corporation which has obtained a federal bank charter for the purpose of issuing credit cards.

The Commission reviewed this correspondence at its October 22, 1993 meeting and agreed to refer it to your office because the Commission believes that the question presented may affect other committees organized to support or defeat public questions in New Jersey.

Therefore, I am referring this question to you with the Commission's request that your office consider it for an Advisory Opinion. If a response is made directly to Mr. Rosenberg, kindly ask your staff to provide the Commission with a copy.

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Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

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c/ Bruce R. Rosenberg, Esq.