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September 10, 1973

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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Control and
Expenditures Reporting Act, P.L. 1973,
c. 83 ("the Act")
Your Letter Dated May 30, 1973

Dear Mr. Rebeck:

Your letter of May 30, 1973, to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply. By previous correspondence, the Commission requested an extension of time within which to reply to August 20, 1973.

1. The Commission concurs generally with the statements set forth in paragraph 1 of the memorandum attached to your letter. Contributions and expenditures must be reported in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 and Section 16 of the Act, and contributions and expenditures between the dates April 24 and July 23, 1973 must be reported on or before July 24, 1973.

The Commission in the exercise of its power under Section 6 of the Act finds that the newness of the Act and the absence of rules and regulations respecting filing constitute good cause for extension of time for filing, and has extended the date for filing reports in conformity with this opinion until Friday, September 28, 1973.

2. The terms "contributions" and "other thing of value" are defined in Section 3 of the Act. The value of the use of special or extraordinary office equipment such as photocopying equipment or computers is re-

garded by the Commission as a contribution within the meaning of the Act.

3. The Commission concurs with the statements set forth in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of your memorandum.
4. The Commission concurs generally with the statements set forth in Paragraph 6 of your memorandum. All of the provisions of paragraph 5 of Section 16 of the Act are applicable to such reporting.
5. The Commission concurs generally with the statements set forth in paragraph 7 of your memorandum. Contributions and expenditures may be made only as set forth in Section 11 of the Act.
6. The Commission concurs generally with the statements set forth in paragraphs 8 and 9 of your memorandum.
7. The Commission concurs generally with the statements set forth in paragraph 1 under the heading "GENERAL ELECTION" of your memorandum. The reporting requirements with respect to candidates and political committees and political party committees are as set forth in paragraph 16 and paragraph 8 of the Act. Political party committees are required to file all of the reports called for by the Act whether or not they had received contributions or made expenditures within the reporting period, except that they are not required to include in such report contributions received or expenditures made on behalf of a candidate if none of the candidates supported by such committee is required to file a report pursuant to Section 16.
8. (a) As to candidates or political committees whose obligation to file is limited to the filing of 60-day interval reports (e.g., a political committee of a candidate defeated in the primary election), the filing date for such reports is September 22, 1973.
- (b) As to candidates and political committees whose obligation to file is not so limited, and as to political party committees, the filing date is October 12, 1973. The Commission will regard a report filed on that date as satisfactory both the 60-day interval report requirement

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and the 25-day pre-election report requirement, provided the report includes all contributions received and expenditures made from July 24, 1973 to October 11, 1973.

Yours very truly,

New Jersey Election Law
Enforcement Commission

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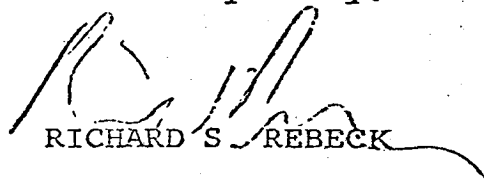
Dear Mr. Reiche:

I have been asked by the Middlesex County Democratic Chairman, G. Nicholas Venezia, to head up a three man legal committee to advise the County Committee as well as the municipal chairmen and candidates in Middlesex County regarding the New Jersey Contribution and Expenditures Reporting Act.

In the absence of any forms, any rules and regulations and a campaign guideline manual from the Election Law Enforcement Commission, we have attempted to prepare a simplified outline for the candidates and municipal chairmen in Middlesex County. I am enclosing a copy and ask for the comments of the Commission with respect to any deficiencies or misleading statements in our memorandum. I would also appreciate receiving from the Commission as soon as possible the manual, copies of all forms and a copy of any rules and regulations promulgated by your body.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Yours very truly,



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