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Re: Opinion #(O-12-75)

Dear Mr. McQuade:

This will acknowledge receipt of your request for an advisory opinion dated June 12, 1975.

Please be advised that recent legislation which permits municipal and county committees to endorse candidates did not amend Section 11 of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-11) which provides that:

Any State, county or municipal committee of any political party, after a primary election but not prior thereto may receive and expend funds to be spent in furtherance and in aid of the candidacy of all candidates of such party, or of any one or more of such candidates, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

That Section prohibits county or municipal committees from spending money prior to a primary election in furtherance or in aid of the candidacy of the party's candidates whether endorsed or not.

Yours very truly,

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