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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 September 13, 1977
Opinion #(0-42-77)

Dear Mr. Tomasin:

Your letter dated September 13, 1977 to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for advisory opinion has been forwarded
to me for reply.

Section 15.11 of the Regulations defines "Independent
expenditure" as follows:

"...an expenditure in aid of a candidate which
is not made with the cooperation or prior consent
of, or in consultation with or at the request or
suggestion of, the candidate or any person or
committee acting on behalf of the candidate."

If your use of personal funds, expended independently
of any other person or group, falls within "independent
expenditure" as defined above then, the filing requirements
would be as described in Section 11 of the Act, N.J.S.A. 19:
44A-11 and you would not need to file a D-1 form or open a
separate campaign bank account provided you report your
expenditures to the campaign committee of the candidate or directly
to the Commission.

Yours very truly,



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