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Re: Advisory Opinion No. 03-1987

Dear Mr. Brewster:

Your letter dated January 27, 1987 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission") including a request for advisory opinion has been forwarded to me for reply.

The Commission is authorized by N.J.B.A. 19:44A-6(f) to render advisory opinions. In the view of the Commission, the purpose of that provision is to permit a person to seek an opinion by the Commission prior to taking action which might constitute a violation of the act or which might give rise to a reporting obligation.

Because of the nature of advisory opinions, and because of the need for a complete and specific set of facts with respect to which the advisory opinion is to be given, the Commission does not give advisory opinions to persons or organizations, unless their own actions or proposed actions are the subject of the opinion request.

Accordingly, the Commission expresses no opinion with respect to the matter contained in your letter, other than to note that, with certain specific exceptions which do not appear to be here relevant, there are no prohibitions contained in the laws administered by the Commission which prohibit political activity by any person or organization.

With respect to questions involving the New Jersey Criminal Code, the Commission expresses no opinion for the additional reason that the Commission has no jurisdiction with respect to those criminal statutes, which are within the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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