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Mr. Clarence E. Peterson Campaign Treasurer Campaign Fund of Bound Brook Republicans 1975 300 East Street Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

> Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973, As Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your Letter Dated October 17, 1975 Opinion #(0-26-75)

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Your letter dated October 17, 1975 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

The Act and the Regulations as amended requires your use of a separate segregated campaign account for general campaign expenses on behalf of your organization, including expenses which may be allocable for reporting purposes or for expenditure limitation purposes or for both as to one or more candidates.

In the situation in which a single candidate made expenditures which were within his spending limit and were also not in excess of \$1,000, such a candidate would be permitted to file an affidavit, and would not be required by the Commission to file reports, even though the amount of his expenditures, had they included expenditures for food and beverages, would have exceeded \$1,000. For this reason, the fact that your committee is making expenditures which, together with all other expenditures on behalf of the candidate, result in total expenditure for his campaign which does not exceed \$1,000, the action of your organization does not require that candidate to file a report. This is so

even though, if your committee included the expense of food and beverage attributable to such candidate, the amount shown as allocated to that candidate would exceed \$1,000.

Very truly yours,

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