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> The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your Letter Dated March 28, 1977 Opinion #(0-11-77)

Dear Mr. DeFilippis:

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Your letter dated March 28, 1977 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

There is no limitation contained in the Act with respect to the amount which may be contributed to a candidate in a primary election for nomination as the candidate of a political party for the office of Governor in the general election. Under separate cover, a copy of the regulations promulgated by the Commission with respect to the gubernatorial election are being forwarded to you.

Although the question is not directly raised by your letter, Section 29(b) of the Act raises a question with respect to the amount which may be contributed by any contributor after the date of the primary election to the winning candidate of such primary election who has elected to receive public funds for the general election, in order to assist that winning candidate in defraying the remaining debt, if any, from the preceding primary election. The Commission has proposed regulations dealing with this question and a copy of those regulations is enclosed herewith.

There is a limitation on contributions of \$600.00 with respec to the general election for the office of Governor. The regulations which are being forwarded to you contain numerous references to that limitation. In the event that you have further specific questions, we will be happy to try to answer them.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Farrell

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