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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures
Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1977
Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your Letter dated May 24, 1977
Opinion #(0-23-77)

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Dear Mr. Raymar:

Your letter dated May 24, 1977 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 considered the question which you raise in connection with the proposed regulations promulgated in the New Jersey Register on February 10, 1977. Section 19: 25-15.14 entitled "Contributions Eligible For Match; Checks and Instruments" reads in subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) In the case of a check drawn on a joint checking account, the contributor shall be deemed to be the owner whose signature appears on the check. The check will not be attributed equally or otherwise to other joint owners of the account, unless the check or other accompanying written instrument contains the signature of each contributing owner and information identifying the amount of contribution of each such owner. In the absence of specific instructions, the contribution will be allocated equally among all owners whose signatures appear on the instrument."

Accordingly, the Commission would regard the contribution to be a contribution only by the individual whose signature appears on the check.

Yours very truly,

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