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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 February 2, 1978
Opinion #(0-08-78)

Dear Mr. Hallenbeck:

Your letter dated February 2, 1978 to the Department
of State, including a request for advisory opinion, has
been forwarded to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement
Commission ("the Commission") for reply.

The Commission does not have authority to advise
generally with respect to election laws, since its authority
is limited to the area of its responsibility, which is the
New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting
Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 and following). This Act forms only
a part of the election law of New Jersey, which is contained
in Title 19 of the New Jersey Statutes. The remainder of
the election law is under the jurisdiction of the Attorney
General of New Jersey.

Nothing in the Act prohibits the formation of a payroll
deduction plan for the collection of voluntary contributions
from a corporation's employees. I am enclosing, however, a
copy of the Attorney General's Formal Opinion regarding the
payroll deduction plan of the N.J.E.A., which may be of
some use to you. Any further questions as to the validity
of your particular payroll deduction plan should be directed
to the office of the Attorney General.

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The Commission does not have the authority to advise generally as to the validity of the Smith Kline PAC under federal election law or the election laws of other states. In that regard, you may wish to consult the Federal Election Commission or the election commissions of the various states.

The New Jersey statute and PAC regulations have already been sent to you under separate cover.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure