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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 April 30, 1981  
Opinion #0-17-81

Dear Mr. Ricci:

Your letter dated April 30, 1981, to the New Jersey  
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),  
including a request for advisory opinion, has been for-  
warded to me for reply.

The Commission is unable to agree that the value of  
the combined concert as described would be \$5.00 and that  
\$15.00 of each ticket price would be matchable. There  
are a number of ways in which the fair market value of the  
tickets for such groups could be ascertained. The expenses  
for tickets to performances by these or similar groups  
could be obtained from knowledgeable agents, or performers.  
The Commission does not place any limitation upon the  
manner in which the fair value of the tickets to such  
performance may be shown. You should be aware, however,  
that the use of the cover charge would not be regarded by  
the Commission as a reasonable way to estimate the fair  
value. The principal reason for this is that a cover  
charge, in usual understanding, is a payment made with the  
anticipation that additional expenditures will also be made  
for the purchase of alcoholic or other beverages during or  
in connection with the performance.

Yours very truly,

  
Edward J. Farrell  
General Counsel

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