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The Honorable Francis R. Spaniola
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Representative Spaniola:

This letter is pursuant to your telephone conversation of July 11, 1977 with a member of my staff and in response to your letter of July 1, 1977, concerning the application of P.A. 388 of 1976, the Campaign Finance Act, ("The Act") to an actual situation.

You state in your letter that you wish to donate the cost of printing tickets for the "Old Country Festival in Shiawasee County. You also state that the group which sponsors this festival is non-profit and uses the money it received for local service projects. You indicate that there would be no political message on the tickets, but that the tickets would identify you as donating the money for the cost of printing.

The question you ask the Department of State is how can you pay for the printing of the tickets and be certain that you are in compliance with the Act?

In your telephone conversation on July 11, 1977 you stated that you would pay for the tickets out of your campaign fund. This disbursement from your campaign fund would not be prohibited by the Act.

This response to your request for clarification of the campaign finance law regarding a particular factual situation may be regarded as informational only and not as a declaratory ruling since your request was not a declaratory ruling request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip T. Frangos".

Phillip T. Frangos, Director
Office of Hearings and Legislation

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