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Ms. Ann Brown, Finance Secretary
Republican Committee of Oakland County
245 S. Woodward Avenue
Birmingham, Michigan 48011

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is in response to your inquiry concerning the requirements of the Campaign Finance Act ("the Act"), P.A. 388 of 1976, as amended, governing the filing of campaign statements of a political party committee.

You indicate the financial records of your political party committee are maintained on a calendar year basis. You inquire whether you can submit a campaign statement in January of each year, and a second report in June covering the period from January.

Section 33 of the Act (MCLA §169.233) requires a committee supporting or opposing a candidate in an election to submit preelection and postelection campaign statements for that election, absent any applicable exemption. Section 35 (MCLA §169.235) provides for submission by a committee of a campaign statement not later than June 30 of each year, again absent any applicable exemption. This latter provision states "The period covered by the campaign statement filed pursuant to this subsection shall begin from the day after the closing date of the previous campaign statement." The statement due on June 30 may, therefore, be an annual statement depending on whether or not an election has taken place in the twelve months preceding the filing of the statement.

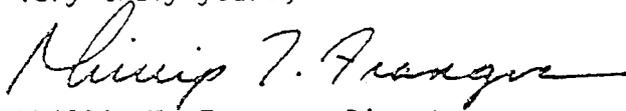
In view of the schedule for filing campaign statements established in the Act, your request would create a statement not contemplated by the Act and might cause confusion in relation to required filings. Therefore, you should file statements on behalf of your committee consistent with the schedule set forth in the Act.

It is the understanding of this office that since your inquiry was submitted, you have attended several seminars of the Department's Campaign Finance Reporting Section. Undoubtedly, the above information may have been provided to you at those sessions.

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This response may be considered as informational only and not as constituting a declaratory ruling.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Phillip T. Frangos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Phillip T. Frangos, Director
Office of Hearings and Legislation

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