



California Fair Political Practices Commission

January 5, 1990

David Martin, Director
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Plumbing Manufacturers Institute
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Re: Your Request for Informal Assistance
Our File No. I-89-717

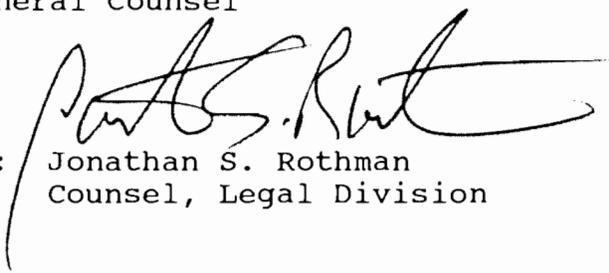
Dear Mr. Martin:

This is to confirm that your letter dated December 15, 1989 accurately reflects the advice provided to you by phone regarding application of the campaign contributions provisions of the Political Reform Act ("the Act").¹ I advised you that corporations are permitted to give corporate funds to candidates for state office in California, within the contribution limits of the Act. I am enclosing a copy of the Act with sections restricting campaign contributions marked.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

By: 
Jonathan S. Rothman
Counsel, Legal Division

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Enclosures

¹ Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

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Mr. Jonathan Rothman
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Dear Mr. Rothman:

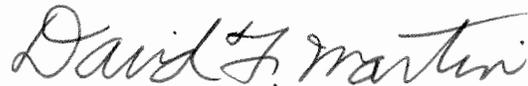
Our trade association, the Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI), has been contacted by one of its corporate members to determine the legality of giving company funds to candidates for state office in California.

During our phone conversation on December 14, 1989, you advised me that it was legally permissible for corporate money to be donated to state candidates, if the contributions met the timing requirements and amount limits set forth in California law.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the California Fair Political Practices Commission provide PMI with a letter that verifies that one of our member companies can legally give corporate funds to candidates for state office in California. Please address the letter to me, and have it signed by you, or the appropriate legal official in your office. You may contact me at (703) 522-2339, if there are any questions on this letter.

Thank you for your assistance on this issue of interest to our membership.

Sincerely,



David F. Martin
Director, Government Affairs

cc: Richard W. Church