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The Honorable Michael Pearson
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Re: Charitable Solicitations Act

Dear Representative Pearson:

You called my office early this month to inquire whether the Charitable Solicitations Act, 9 M.R.S.A. §5001 et seq., affected money-raising by schools or school organizations. Section 5006(E) of that act provides a specific exemption from the Charitable Solicitations Act for educational institutions, the curriculums of which are approved by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services. Such an educational institution would, however, be required to file with the Secretary of State duplicates of any annual fiscal reports which it would ordinarily prepare. The same subsection provides an exemption from the Charitable Solicitations Act for organizations operated by the student bodies of such institutions.

It is the opinion of this office that organizations, such as a French Club of a high school, would be exempt under §5006(E) and would not be required to file either registration statements or financial reports. If you have any further questions concerning this act, I would be pleased to respond.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David P. Cluchey".

DAVID P. CLUCHEY
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