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Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
Chairman, Select Committee on
State Contract Practices
House of Representatives
B-10 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Chairman Gleason:

The Civil Service Commissioners have noted recent newspaper accounts of a raffle conducted among State employes by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes. Reportedly, proceeds of the raffle were contributed to the Pennsylvanians for Shapp-Kline Committee, the State Senate Republican Campaign Committee, and the State Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

Section 905 of the Civil Service Act prohibits Civil Service employes from soliciting funds for political purposes, and from being solicited for funds for political purposes. When Civil Service employes sell raffle tickets or are asked to buy raffle tickets, and the proceeds thereof are used for political purposes, we deem this to be a violation of Section 905. Also, Section 1701 of the Public Employe Relations Act prohibits employe organizations from making "any contribution out of the funds of the employe organization either directly or indirectly to any political party or organization or in support of any political candidate for public office."

Inasmuch as the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes has a labor contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we believe that the circumstances referred to above are within the purview of your Committee, and that your Committee properly should mount a full investigation thereof. Will you please give us your views in this matter, as this Commission is considering its own responsibilities in these circumstances, possibly through public hearings.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace S. Hatch".

Grace S. Hatch
Chairperson