

APPENDIX D:
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING RESOURCES
FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMERS

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ACORN is a grassroots organization of community groups that are made up of low and moderate income families. ACORN has experience organizing for campaign finance reform and has participated as a party in reform litigation.

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Americans for Campaign Reform is a non-partisan grassroots campaign to restore public accountability and increase participation in American politics through public financing of federal elections.

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The *American University School of Communication* has a campaign finance project with its own website.

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The Democracy Program of the *Brennan Center for Justice* supports campaign finance reform through scholarship, public education, and legal action, including litigation and legislative counseling at the federal, state, and local levels. The Brennan Center has served as litigation counsel for proponents of reform in cases throughout the country and encourages reformers to call for legal advice throughout the legislative drafting process.

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The *Brookings Institution* maintains a web page specifically addressed to campaign finance issues (<http://www.brookings.edu/topics/campaign-finance.aspx>).

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The *Campaign Finance Information Center* is a division of the Investigative Reporters and Editors and the National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting. The Center provides story ideas, networking information, and databases for journalists reporting on campaign finance. It also publishes *Tracker*, a quarterly online newsletter on campaign finance.

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The *Campaign Finance Institute* brings together activists and academics from different political backgrounds to work towards campaign finance reform that enjoys broad popular support. Not committing themselves to one singular principle or reform method, the founders of the Campaign Finance Institute seek to promote agreement on campaign finance issues through sound political science research.

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The *Campaign Legal Center* is a non-profit organization created to act as the “people’s voice” in administrative hearings and proceedings on campaign finance and media laws.

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The *Center for Governmental Studies* is a non-partisan think tank in the areas of campaign finance, electoral, and government reform and a leader in the use of technology for those reforms. CGS supplies state and local governments and public interest organizations with model laws, case studies, databases, and other campaign finance information.

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The *Center for Public Integrity* is a watchdog organization that has published a variety of studies related to campaign finance reform and the influence of money on politics.

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The *Center for Responsive Politics* (“CRP”) is a non-partisan research organization that specializes in the role that money plays in congressional elections and action. CRP develops complete campaign finance profiles of every congressional race. In addition, CRP maintains an impressive variety of campaign finance databases and has issued landmark publications in the field.

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Common Cause is a nonpartisan citizens’ lobbying organization promoting open, honest, and accountable government in part through campaign finance reform. Its website includes a number of campaign finance studies and an interactive database tracking the campaign finance activities of every member of Congress. State chapters of Common Cause have also been active in drafting campaign finance legislation.

Council of State Governments

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The *Council of State Governments* serves state governments with a network for identifying and sharing ideas. Its publication *The Book of the States* offers a comprehensive description of election and campaign finance laws in each state.

Council on Governmental Ethics Laws

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The *Council on Governmental Ethics Laws* seeks to provide members with avenues for the exchange and dissemination of up-to-date information in the areas of ethics, elections, campaign finance, lobbying, and freedom of information. It has developed a model campaign finance reporting and disclosure bill.

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Democracy Matters seeks to reduce voter apathy as well as the role of private money in elections by educating and organizing students on college campuses around the country.

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Demos is a non-partisan public policy research and advocacy organization. The Demos Democracy Program works with advocates and policymakers to advance a broad agenda for election reform.

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The *Federal Election Commission* is the governmental agency administering the federal campaign finance law. Its website provides access to disclosure reports filed by candidates, parties, and PACs in all federal elections. The site also provides information about current campaign finance laws.

FECInfo

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FECInfo provides Federal Election Commission data in a format said to be more user-friendly than that used by the FEC. It is a free service made available by TRKC Inc. and Tony Raymond.

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The *League of Women Voters* has long supported campaign finance reform, including comprehensive reforms such as public financing and voluntary spending limits. Many of the League's chapters are active on the issue on the state and local levels. The League's website offers information about campaign finance issues, strategies for reform, and more. The websites of state and local chapters are also available as links on the national website.

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The *National Civic League* ("NCL") seeks to transform democratic institutions by helping local reform groups learn from each other. NCL has established a New Politics Program, which has published a study of local campaign finance reforms.

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The *National Conference of State Legislatures* publishes information on its web site regarding state legislation related to campaign finance, lobbying, and ethics.

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The *National Institute on Money in State Politics* tracks campaign finance data and developments at the state level. Its web site offers a database containing information on state laws, ballot measures, and contributions to candidates, including state supreme court candidates.

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Project Vote Smart has compiled information on more than 12,000 candidates and elected officials, including detailed breakdowns of campaign finance contributions. Project Vote Smart also provides educational materials on campaign financing to clarify regulations and procedures. If you are unable to find information you need on the Project's website, you may call the Voter's Research Hotline: 1-888-868-3762.

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Public Campaign advocates “Clean Money Campaign Reform,” which includes full public financing of candidate campaigns. Campaign finance laws based on Public Campaign’s model went into effect in 2000 in Maine and Vermont. The web site contains an extensive collection of links to other organizations engaged in the campaign finance debate.

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Public Citizen has long been committed to bringing about meaningful campaign finance reform. Information about federal campaign finance reform can be found at a web page dedicated to the subject: www.citizen.org/congress/campaign/index.cfm.

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The Reform Institute is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization representing a thoughtful, moderate voice for reform in the campaign finance and election administration debates.

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USAction coordinates state and national issue work by state-based citizen organizations, many of which are leaders in developing campaign finance reform work in their states.

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The *U.S. Public Interest Research Group* (“U.S. PIRG”) works to achieve campaign finance reform by enforcing tough campaign contribution limits, creating systems of public financing, and enacting lasting lobby reform.

