MODERNIZING CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW

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Transparency

- Why we need it? (*Buckley v. Valeo*)
  - Reduce corruption and the appearance of corruption
  - Provide voters with information about candidates and who is spending in elections
  - Allow for the enforcement of other provisions of campaign finance laws

- Problems with current law
  - Two-track system of disclosure: regulated v. unregulated
  - Digital ads: [more information](#)
Administration

- Does your state administrative agency have sufficient resources to do its job?
- Can the agency provide adequate support to candidates and committees?
- Is the agency’s technology up to date?
Stakeholders & Resources

- State Stakeholders
  - Candidates and parties
  - Grassroots groups
  - Good government groups
  - Business community
- State Administrators: experts on your state’s law
- Other Resources
  - NCSL: overviews on state laws
  - Campaign Legal Center: policy trends, jurisprudence
  - National Institute on Money In Politics: state election spending