NCSL Overview
Every state legislator and legislative staffer is a member of NCSL
Bipartisan extension of state legislatures,
-All 50 states plus DC, PR

Goals:

- Research to advance better policies
- Opportunities for learning about the latest innovative policy ideas
- Promoting the exchange of ideas between legislative colleagues, experts, and various interest groups
- Interaction with Congress and the Federal government
Resources

- Information requests--specialized research on any legislative policy topic
- *State Legislatures* magazine (including online extras, blog: The Thicket)
- Hundreds of Publications
- Vast Website resources-every issue area
- 50-State Searchable Bill Information Service
- E-News: NCSL's daily electronic newsletter
- Consultation and technical assistance

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Promoting the Exchange of Ideas

- NCSL Legislative Summit
- Fall & Spring Forums
- Leaders’ training and conferences
- Professional development for staff
- Online training
- Media and communications training
- America’s Legislators Back to School Program
Taking Ideas to Capitol Hill

- **12 Standing Committees**
  - Develop policies for NCSL
    - Agriculture and Energy
    - Environment
    - Transportation

- **Basic NCSL lobby positions**
  - Battling unfunded mandates
  - Opposing federal intrusion on state authority
Taking Ideas to Capitol Hill

- Preserve State Authority
- Ensure State Flexibility
- Eliminate Unfunded Mandates
- Avoid Preemption
NCSL Work on Waste Management and Defense Clean-up

- Long history of working with DOE on waste management and defense facility env. mgt. since the 1980’s
- Goal: Keeping state lawmakers informed and involved regarding DOE actions
- Cooperative agreements spanning 25 years sponsoring a variety of activities
- Legislative Working Groups over the years--transportation, waste management, environmental mgt, nuclear issues
- Activities--facility tours, communication opportunities, study of the issues and impact on the states
- Staffing STGWG since early 1990’s
- Publications, newsletters, information sharing, forums comments on studies, engagement at large NCSL mtgs
Strong States Strong Nation

NCSL Legislative Summit
August 8-11, 2011
San Antonio, Texas

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Questions?