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Government Integrity Reform Agenda for 111th Congress

Overriding Priority for Fixing Washington

**Repair the public financing system for presidential elections and
create a new public financing system for congressional elections.**

Other Campaign Finance Issues

- Close major campaign finance loopholes: ban joint fundraising committees used by presidential candidates to circumvent candidate contribution limits; prevent presidential candidates from using candidate/party “hybrid ads” to avoid counting full costs of ads against public financing spending limits; curb Leadership PACs;
- Reform and strengthen the Federal Election Commission; press for Commissioners to be appointed by the President based on qualifications and experience;
- Ensure that independent groups making expenditures for TV ads and other public communications to influence federal elections comply with federal campaign finance laws;
- Strengthen existing bundling disclosure rules to require federal candidates to disclose the total amount raised by each bundler (not just by each registered lobbyist) who raises more than a threshold amount for their campaigns.

Ethics and Lobbying Issues

- Ensure that the new congressional ethics rules and lobbying disclosure law enacted in the 110th Congress are properly interpreted and effectively enforced;
- Ensure that the new Office of Congressional Ethics is properly implemented;
- Reform the Executive Branch Office of Government Ethics; strengthen Executive Branch ethics rules;
- Support "Public Corruption Prosecution Improvements Act" to close loopholes in the public corruption laws and strengthen their enforcement.

