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CFI conducts objective research and education, empanels task forces and makes recommendations for policy change in the field of campaign finance. Its current work is focused in two areas: the impact of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act and the presidential public funding system. CFI's study on the role of 527 groups in 2004, by Steven Weissman and Ruth Hassan, will be published later this year as a chapter in *The Election after Reform: Money, Politics and the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act*.

Before joining SUNY in 1990, Malbin worked for Vice President Richard B. Cheney in the House of Representatives and in the Pentagon. He also has been a reporter for *National Journal* and resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. Concurrent with his SUNY appointment, he has held appointments as a member of the National Humanities Council (Presidential appointment with advice and consent of the Senate), a visiting professor at Yale University and a guest scholar at The Brookings Institution.

Malbin's most recent books include *Life after Reform: When the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act Meets Politics* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003); and *The Day After Reform: Sobering Campaign Finance Lessons from the American States* (1998). Others include the award winning *Vital Statistics on Congress* and *Limiting Legislative Terms*.

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