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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER AND FELS INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT PROVIDE INSIDER'S LOOK AT CAMPAIGNS

Philadelphia, PA (September 21, 2012) – Behind every great elected official is a great chief of staff. Less than one month from Election Day, current and former chiefs of staff will join the National Constitution Center and the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government for an insider's look at campaigns, elections, and the trials of governing. This captivating panel discussion will take place on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** and will feature **Matthew Gallagher**, Chief of Staff for Governor Martin J. O'Malley of Maryland; **Anita McBride**, former Chief of Staff for First Lady Laura Bush; and **David Urban**, former Chief of Staff for Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. **Scott Detrow**, StateImpact's Harrisburg reporter, will moderate.

Admission is \$7 for members, students, and teachers; \$10 for non-members; and free for 1787 members and Fels students. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.constitutioncenter.org or by calling 215.409.6700.

This program is part of a series of public conversations titled "Practically Speaking," in honor of the Fels Institute's 75th anniversary. The Fels Institute of Government has received generous support from David Seltzer and Poor Richard's Charitable Trust.

Matthew Gallagher has served as Chief of Staff for Governor O'Malley of Maryland since September 2009. He previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff since 2007, with oversight of the departments of Agriculture, Business and Economic Development, Environment, Natural Resources, Planning, and Transportation, as well as StateStat, Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority, Energy Administration, Maryland Environmental Service, Higher

Education Labor Relations Board, and Maryland Technology Development Corporation. Prior to his position in Maryland State government, Gallagher was Director of CitiStat, Baltimore's nationally recognized public sector accountability program. He also served as a member of Mayor O'Malley's cabinet. In 2004, he was named as one of three Mayoral appointees to the Baltimore City Public School System's Fiscal Operating Committee. Before joining Baltimore City government, he was Project Director for the Greater Baltimore Committee's and Presidents' Roundtable's Management and Efficiency Review. From 1997 to 2000, he served as Assistant Deputy Mayor for the City of Philadelphia's Office of Management and Productivity.

Anita McBride's government service spans two decades and three administrations. She joined the Reagan administration in 1984 and served as White House personnel director from 1987 to 1992, under presidents Reagan and George H. W. Bush. From 2001 to 2004, McBride served President George W. Bush in White House management, at the State Department as senior advisor to the Secretary of State and White House liaison, and as senior advisor in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. She was a United States delegate to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, and the U.N. Special Session on HIV/AIDS. From January 2005 to January 2009, McBride was Assistant to President George W. Bush and Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush. She developed the First Lady's global and domestic platform in support of presidential policies and initiatives, including global health, education, historic preservation, and human rights. McBride currently serves as an Executive-in-Residence at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University in Washington, D.C.

David Urban served for five years as Chief of Staff for United States Senator Arlen Specter. Acting as the Senator's senior advisor on legislative, political, media, and administrative matters in Pennsylvania and Washington, he was Senator Specter's direct representative to Pennsylvania constituents as well as other members of Congress, senior executive branch officials, ambassadors, and other officials of foreign governments. Urban represented Senator Specter as a part of the Senate Republican leadership and oversaw the Senator's interests before the Judiciary, Appropriations, Veterans' Affairs, and Environment and Public Works Committees. From 1994 through 1997, Urban was an attorney in private practice focusing on litigation and transactional matters. From 1986 through 1991, he served as an artillery officer in the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division headquartered at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement while engaged in combat

operations against Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. Urban currently serves as president of the American Continental Group.

Scott Detrow is StateImpact's Harrisburg reporter. He was Pennsylvania Public Radio's State Capitol Bureau Chief from 2009 to 2011, covering the 2010 gubernatorial campaign and 2009 budget impasse, among other stories. He also previously reported on politics and anchored afternoon newscasts for WITF-FM in Harrisburg and WFUV-FM in New York City. Detrow has won a national Edward R. Murrow Award for a series on the Pennsylvania National Guard and a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for a radio documentary he produced on South Africa's AIDS pandemic in 2006.

About the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania

The Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania is committed to advancing the quality of public leadership. Over the last 75 years, Fels has accomplished its mission by offering focused, practical educational programs that prepare students for public and nonprofit sector work; providing research and consulting services that improve the performance of organizations serving the public interest; and bridging the worlds of practice and possibility through conferences, lectures and discussions about public issues and solutions. "Practically Speaking," a series of public conversations presented in partnership with the National Constitution Center, has received generous support from David Seltzer and Poor Richard's Charitable Trust.

About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center is the first and only nonprofit, nonpartisan institution devoted to the most powerful vision of human freedom ever expressed: the U.S. Constitution. Located on Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia, the birthplace of American freedom, the Center illuminates constitutional ideals and inspires active citizenship through a state-of-the-art museum experience, including hundreds of interactive exhibits, films and rare artifacts; must-see feature exhibitions; the internationally acclaimed, 360-degree theatrical production *Freedom Rising*; and the iconic *Signers' Hall*, where visitors can sign the Constitution alongside 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers. As America's forum for constitutional dialogue, the Center engages diverse, distinguished leaders of government, public policy, journalism and scholarship in timely public discussions and debates. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, the national hub for constitutional education, which offers

cutting-edge civic learning resources both onsite and online. Freedom is calling. Answer it at the National Constitution Center. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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