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Lessons Learned from Colorado's First Year of Marijuana Legalization

More than 17.5 tons—that's how much recreational marijuana was sold in Colorado in the first year of legalized commercial sales. That's in addition to the 109,578 pounds of medical marijuana and 4.8 million units of marijuana-infused edible products, such as candy and cookies, which also were sold in the state last year.

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The Global Business Model

More than 80 percent of the world's purchasing power resides outside the United States—that's a lot of customers for U.S. businesses. Looking to the global marketplace for economic development and paying attention to export and import trends is no longer an option for state policymakers. It is a necessity.

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Medicaid and the Supremacy Clause

In *Armstrong v. Exceptional Child Center*, the Supreme Court held 5-4 that Medicaid providers cannot rely on the Supremacy Clause or equity to sue states to enforce a Medicaid reimbursement statute. The court's rejection of a private cause of action under the Supremacy Clause has implications well beyond this case.

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Where Does Gerrymandering Begin?

The U.S. Supreme Court and researchers at Duke University are looking at the same question. When does redistricting move from using a partisan advantage into gerrymandering?

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State Government Employment: From Peak to Present

According to CSG's analysis of data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at its peak in August 2008 state government employment stood at 5.21 million, or around 3.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. Over the next five years, state governments shed 187,000 jobs, landing at 5.03 million in July 2013.

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Comcast Sits at the Forefront of Accessibility

Over the past several years, CSG Associate member Comcast—owner of NBCUniversal and Universal Studios—has been working to make its products and services accessible to everyone, including the 8 million people with visual disabilities who live in America.

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Insurance Subsidies at Risk in *King vs. Burwell* Case

Approximately 7.7 million people living in states with a federally run health insurance exchange purchased health insurance and qualified for monthly premium tax subsidies during the 2014-15 open enrollment period, according to newly released data. But these premium subsidies are at risk in the *King v. Burwell* case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Transportation and Economic Growth Linked in Utah

According to Abby Albrecht of the Utah Transportation Coalition, the state's success in using transportation investment to drive economic growth builds on an historic sense of "stewardship for the state's finances, " living moderately in the present while investing for the future.

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CSG Welcomes Jeff Stockdale

Jeff Stockdale has joined the federal affairs team in CSG's Washington, D.C., office, where he will serve as a senior policy adviser. Stockdale has an extensive background in federal and state affairs, including positions in the U.S. Congress, federal agencies and the private sector. Previously, he served as federal relations manager for the Civil War Trust Fund and as legislative assistant for Congressman Mac Thornberry of Texas. Stockdale holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham University in English and political science. In his new role, he will work directly with CSG's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and Legal Task Force.

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