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### State Leaders Work to Keep Up With Ridesharing

Until just a couple of years ago, few people were familiar with the term "ridesharing." The rapid expansion of ridesharing companies, such as Uber and Lyft, has led to some growing pains for state regulators as they scramble to balance public and worker safety with the free market and entrepreneurial expansion.

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### The "Tricky Game" of Tax Cuts

At least a dozen states—including Arizona, Florida, New York, Ohio and Wisconsin—have plans to cut taxes in the coming year. But statistics suggest that lowering the tax burden doesn't always translate into economic activity. CSG Senior Fellows Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene take a look.

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### States Seeking Fairness in the Marketplace

Sometimes sales tax is charged on online purchases and sometimes it isn't. The reason is a long-standing restriction on state tax power, preventing states from imposing their tax system on individuals or businesses with no physical presence in the state. Proposed federal legislation, the Marketplace Fairness Act, would change that.

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### Drawing the Line on Partisanship in Redistricting

Redistricting policy in the United States has become highly partisan, with some state legislatures at odds over where and how to draw district lines and the legality of independent redistricting commissions being considered by the Supreme Court. Tune in to this FREE eCademy webcast at 2 p.m. EDT March 24 featuring national experts on elections and redistricting policy discussing the contemporary redistricting policy landscape, as well as innovative policy solutions.

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The post-recession economic recovery has been slow and painful, but states are finally starting to see some real progress as the national unemployment rate falls below 6 percent for the first time in six years. So far, the recovery has seen a lot of job growth in low-income sectors, while jobs in higher paying sectors that propel the economy forward have been more elusive.

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### Justice Kennedy: SCOTUS Should Re-examine Quill

There is no way to know for sure why Justice Kennedy wrote a concurring opinion in *Direct Marketing Association v. Brohl* stating that the "legal system should find an appropriate case for this Court to reexamine *Quill*." But even if you don't read the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) *amicus* brief's criticism of *Quill* and merely scan its table of authorities, you will notice that two of the three non-case related

citations in Justice Kennedy's opinion come from the SLLC's brief.

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### **Vaccine Rates for Measles Decline as Exemptions Grow**

A recent outbreak of measles--reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to have infected 121 people in 17 states and the District of Columbia between Jan. 1 and Feb. 6--has brought the topic of vaccinations into the public eye and become one of the top political discussions of the day. Data from the CDC show declining vaccination rates among kindergartners since the 1999-2000 school year.

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### **Barrett and Greene Join CSG as Senior Fellows**

Noted journalists, consultants and performance management experts Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene have joined The Council of State Governments as senior fellows. Founders of the Pew Charitable Trusts' Government Performance Project, Barrett and Greene are national experts in performance management at the state and local government levels. As senior fellows, they will provide expertise about the intersections of state and local, as well as state and federal, policies and will be regular contributors to CSG's *Capitol Ideas* magazine and weekly electronic newsletter.

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