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Community Solar Offers New Opportunities for Renewable Energy

While the number of homes in the United States with rooftop solar panels has skyrocketed in recent years with decreasing costs of installation, a recent report suggests only half of American homes can host an adequately sized photovoltaic system on their property. But experts say community solar programs have the potential to expand the scope of solar power generation, offering similar environmental benefits to a broader population.

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In 1925, Henry Wolcott Toll, then a Colorado state senator, envisioned an association in which legislators would work together for the purpose of improving legislative standards and personnel throughout the country, setting the stage for the creation of The Council of State Governments in 1933. For more than 80 years, CSG has served as a resource for state leaders, and it continues to adapt as it serves the changing needs of the states.

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The Opioid Drug Epidemic in America: Obama Proposes Relief

On Feb. 2, President Obama unveiled a \$1.1 billion funding proposal to help states fight the growing tide of drug abuse. The proposal includes \$1 billion in new mandatory funding over two years to expand treatment access for substance abusers, with more than 90 percent of those funds going to the states for medication-assisted treatment options or to make already existing services more affordable.

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States to Watch in 2016: Transportation Funding

Eight states passed gas tax increases in 2015, while others took different actions to shore up transportation revenues. But 2016 could also see a large number of states join the club even after Congress approved a federal surface transportation bill last year. Tune in to CSG eCademy Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. EST, to hear from transportation experts, state house and transportation beat reporters, and legislators about how transportation funding might fare in 2016 legislative sessions across the country.

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Zika Virus: Quick Facts for State Leaders

The Zika virus in Central and South America and the Caribbean seems to be connected to an astoundingly high number of babies in Brazil being born with microcephaly, a congenital brain defect that causes under development of head and brain size. The World Health Organization has declared a

WIOA, College Affordability Top Education Issues in 2016

As state leaders outline their goals for 2016, educators and policymakers will look for strategies that ensure America's students receive a high-quality education while addressing workforce challenges that inhibit economic growth. CSG Director of Education Policy Elizabeth Whitehouse and Senior

global public health emergency and a state of emergency also has been declared in five Florida counties.

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Policy Adviser Jeff Stockdale outline the top five issues related to education policy for 2016.

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States Use Technology, Lessons to Efficiently Tackle Snow

With the melting of the last remnants of snow from Winter Storm Jonas, CSG Transportation Policy Director Sean Slone checks in on how states are dealing with winter weather transportation concerns so far this season. There are many examples of states turning to technology, investing in equipment and trying to improve on past performance.

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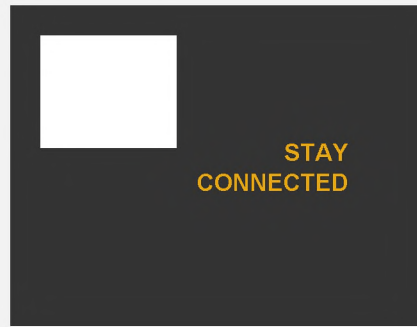
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