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States Brace for Fallout in *King* Case

The future of federal tax subsidies and, perhaps, ultimately health insurance coverage for nearly 8 million Americans are at the heart of the *King v. Burwell* case argued before the Supreme Court earlier this month. Some state leaders are starting to talk about the potential fallout of the case.

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A New Promise for Higher Education

When President Obama announced in January a proposal to make the first two years of community college free, education experts say it was an important moment, but perhaps not for the reason most people think. It was important, they say, because of the conversations starting in homes and state capitols.

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Overseas Voting Initiative Helps Get Out the Vote for U.S. Military

Working in partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense, CSG's Overseas Voting Initiative is promoting best practices and policies that will benefit more than 5 million U.S. military and overseas civilian voters. As part of this process, the initiative's Policy Working Group has identified key policy areas to improve the military and overseas voting process.

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State Medicaid Waiver Programs are Getting Complex

State leaders are getting more creative with their plans for how to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act as they move away from traditional Medicaid programs, but they might be making it harder for those plans to be carried out.

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The Endangered Species Act

Congress passed the Endangered Species Act in 1973, establishing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which operates under the Department of Interior. The federal agency is tasked with identifying and protecting endangered and threatened species based on scientific evidence. This infographic provides a brief overview of the act and its impact for states.

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New Florida Bill on Overseas Voting

The Florida Legislature is considering a bill to aid overseas voting by expanding the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to state and local elections.

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The Endangered Species Act in the States

Frustration with the Endangered Species Act has increased over time as more species are considered for listing and as the critical habitat areas of those species continue to overlap with land use and development. The balancing act of species conservation and development is forming some unique partnerships in states.

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AAPCA Seeks Nominations for Best Practices in Air Pollution Control

The Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA) is seeking nominations from public agencies, private entities and individuals for 2015 best practices in the field. Of particular interest are activities that are directly transferrable to the operation of an air pollution control agency.

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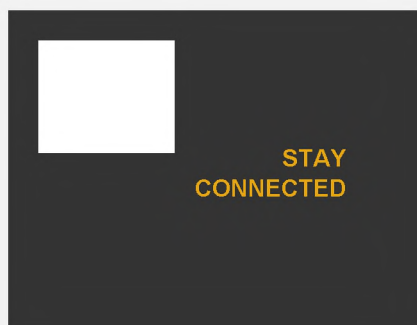
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