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E-Cigarettes and New Smoke-Free Policies on College Campuses

As classes resume across the country this fall, the University of Iowa will join nearly 1,100 colleges and universities that have declared their campuses tobacco free. The new policy adds smokeless tobacco, snuff, water pipes and electronic cigarettes--or e-cigarettes--to their list of banned substances on campus.

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Working Cooperatively to Solve Problems Benefits Students, Community

New York state Sen. Carl Marcellino is CSG's 2015 national chair. A former science teacher and school administrator, Marcellino believes that education and workforce development go hand in hand, and greater partnerships between schools and businesses will help ensure students have the skills needed for the jobs of tomorrow.

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What Does Congress Face this Fall?

Congress returned from the August break facing the challenge of having to address a long list of critical issues in the dwindling legislative year. These important issues include reaching agreement on the budget and debt ceiling; addressing the expiring highway funding authority; overhauling federal education policy; and discussing cybersecurity legislation.

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Pricing Rooftop Solar

All across the country, state legislatures and regulatory commissions are debating the path forward for distributed energy resources such as rooftop solar. Join CSG for a free eCademy webcast Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. EDT as two former regulatory commissioners discuss how electric rates are determined, the impact of policies promoting distributed generation, and how to design public policies to enable the growth of distributed generation while ensuring electric rates are fair and affordable for all electric customers.

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Income in 37 States Still Below Pre-Recession Levels

According to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau, median household income remains below pre-recession levels in 37 states when adjusted for inflation. In 2007, median household income was \$57,357 (in 2014 dollars)--\$3,700 more than in 2014. State median household incomes ranged from a low of \$35,521 in Mississippi to \$76,165 in Maryland in 2014.

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CSG Joins Amicus Brief Involving State Immunities Case

If state A is sued in state B, do the courts of state B have to extend to state A the same immunities that they would apply to state B? Can state A even be sued in state B? While this may sound like a nonsensical hypothetical, these are the issues the Supreme Court has agreed to decide in *Franchise Tax Board of California v. Hyatt*.

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The Role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Transportation Planning

Metropolitan Planning Organizations, or MPOs, play an important role in transportation planning. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, which authorized federal highway and transit funding programs, significantly expanded the role of MPOs in the transportation planning process.

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Last Call for Suggested State Legislation Submissions

CSG members are encouraged to submit legislation for inclusion in the docket that will be considered by the Suggested State Legislation Committee at its December meeting in Nashville. To be considered, legislation must have been enacted in at least one state and address a current state issue of national or regional significance; provide a benefit to bill drafters; and provide clear, innovative and practical structure and approach. To submit a bill for consideration, please send information to ssl@csg.org by Sept. 25.

Update on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m. EDT

Presented by CSG South/SLC

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Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m. EDT

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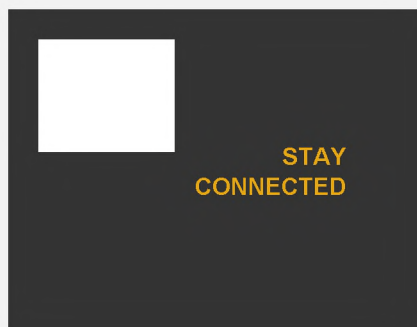
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