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State policymakers have a number of policies to consider when evaluating how to best conform with new federal tax laws. To help make sense of the array of choices, the Mercatus Center released a [new podcast](#) that covers questions such as:

- What key principles should state lawmakers keep in mind when making changes to their state tax code?
- What are different approaches states are considering when it comes to conformity? How long do states have to make these decisions?
- Why do changes to State and Local Tax deductions have some states a little nervous?
- How will changes affect the state of Maryland and what specific options are Maryland policymakers considering?
- What are the lessons learned from past changes in federal law?

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Speakers and additional resources include:

- [Jason Fichtner](#) at the Mercatus Center shares "[The Hidden Cost of Federal Tax Policy](#)" and "[Economic Perspectives: State and Local Tax Policy](#)."
- [Scott Drenkard](#) with the Tax Foundation covers "[State Revenue Implications and Reform Opportunities Following Federal Tax Reform](#)."
- [Andrew M. Schaefe](#) with the Maryland Comptroller notes "[Effects of Federal Tax Law Revisions on the State of Maryland](#)."

Please let me know if you have any additional questions about the discussion, other Mercatus research on this topic, or would like to speak with one of the presenters. To receive regular updates on Mercatus research, please [click here](#).

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