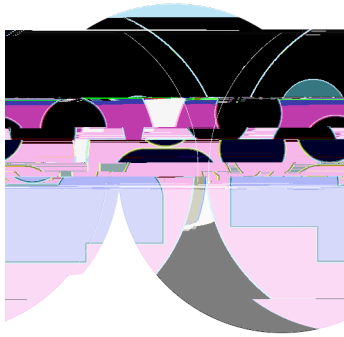


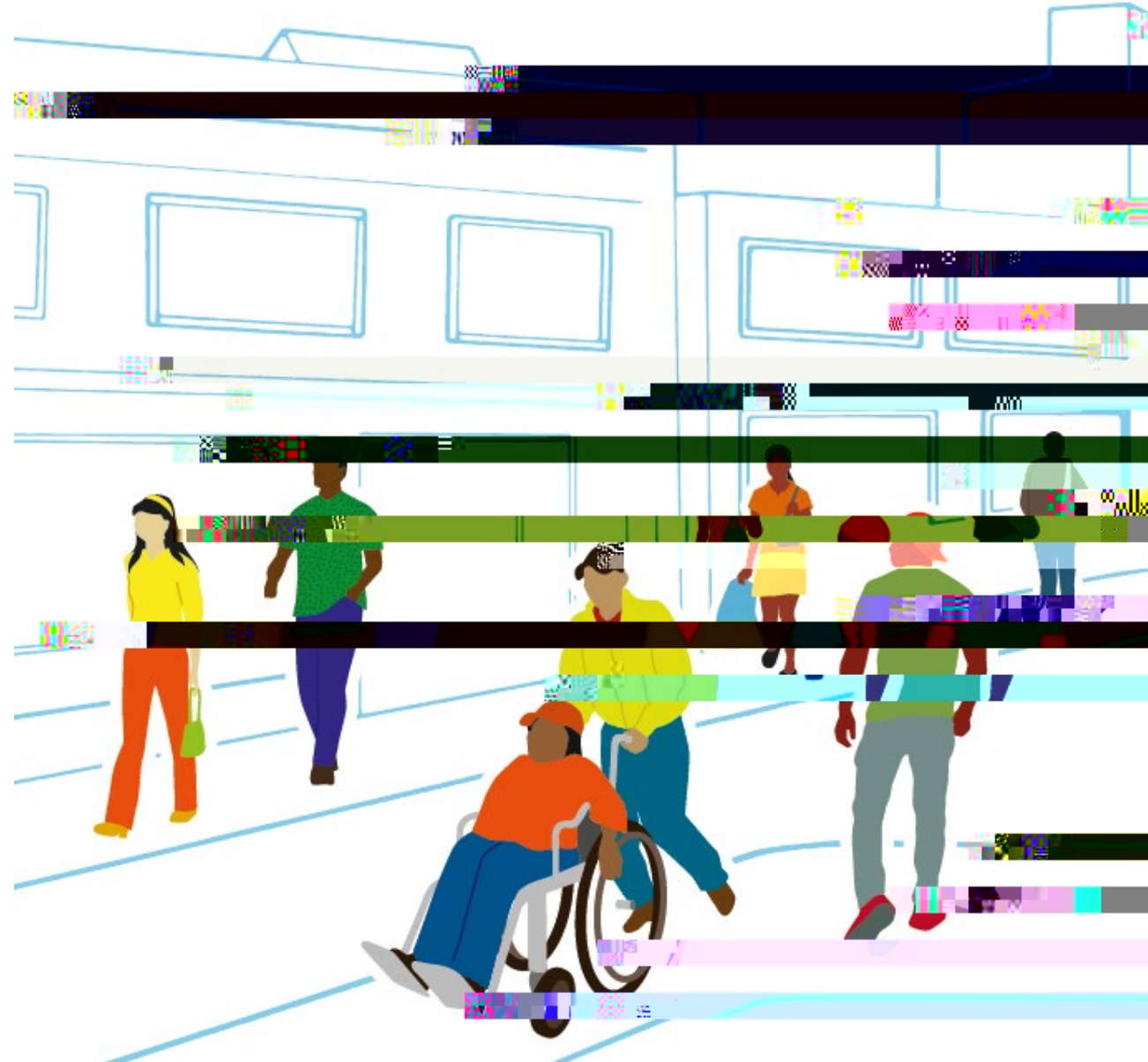
Setting the Stage

Covid as the Latest Front in a Broad Deregulatory Effort

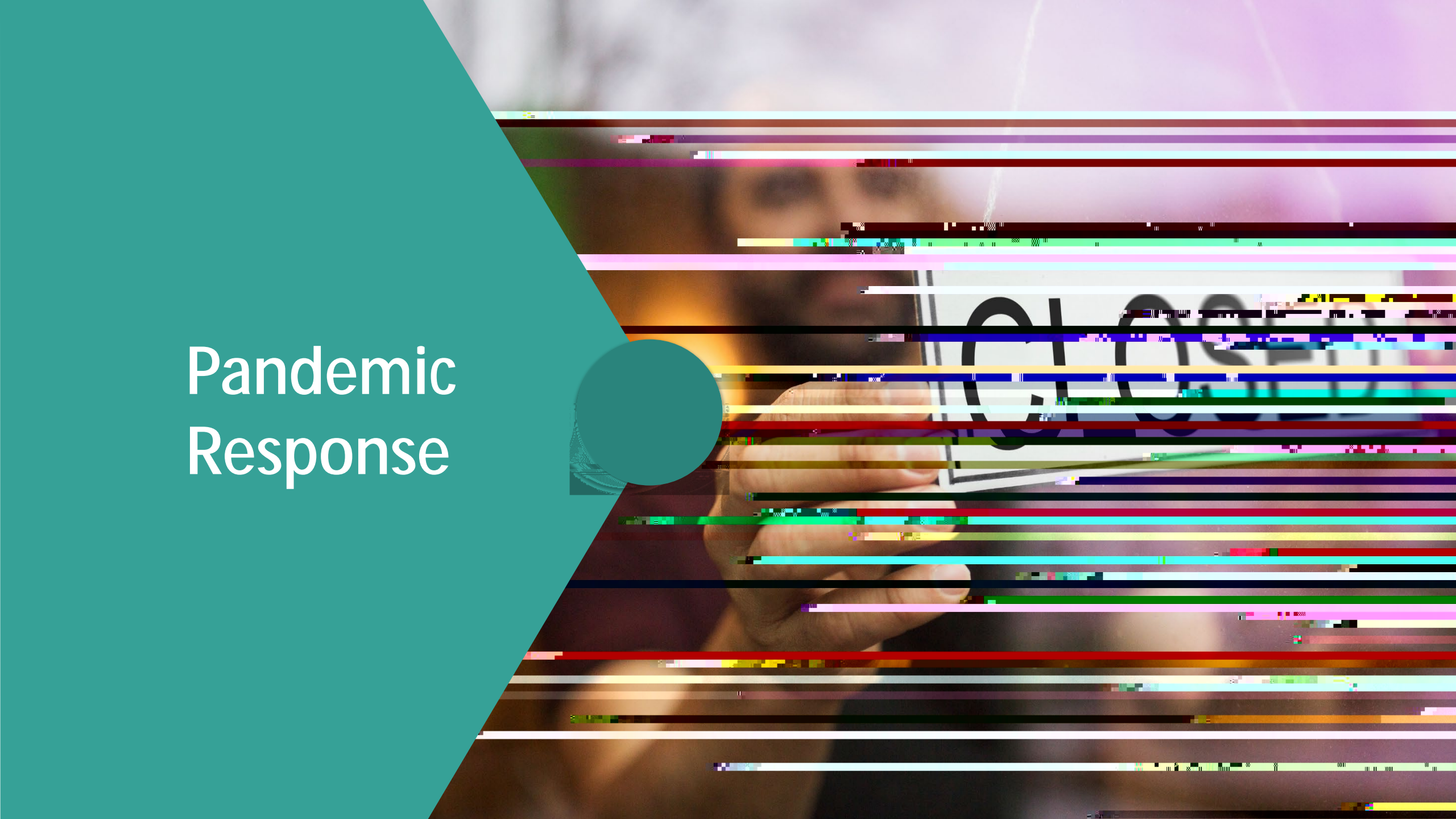


Our Mission

*Healthier communities
for all through equitable
laws & policies.*



Pandemic Response

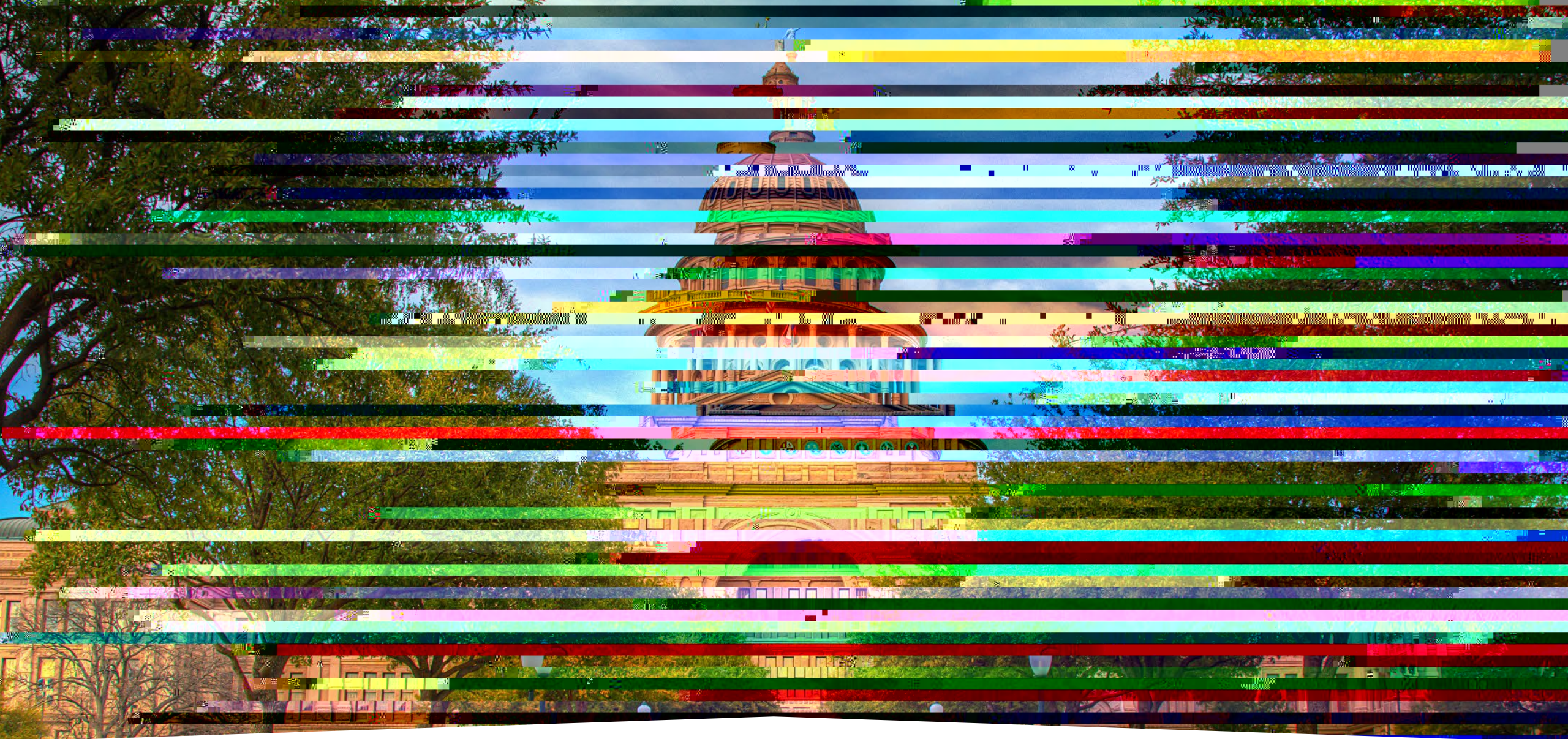


The Equity Landscape

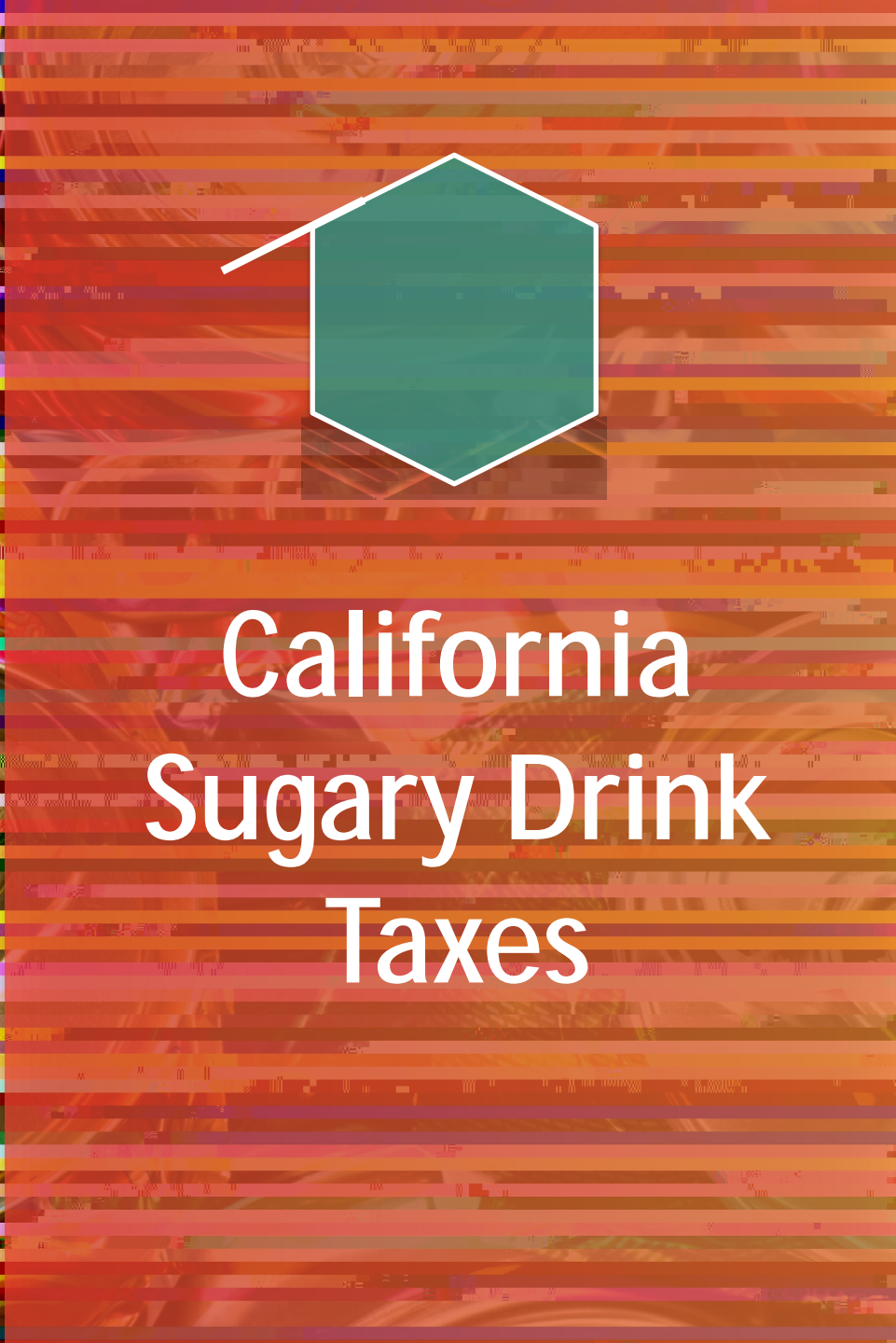
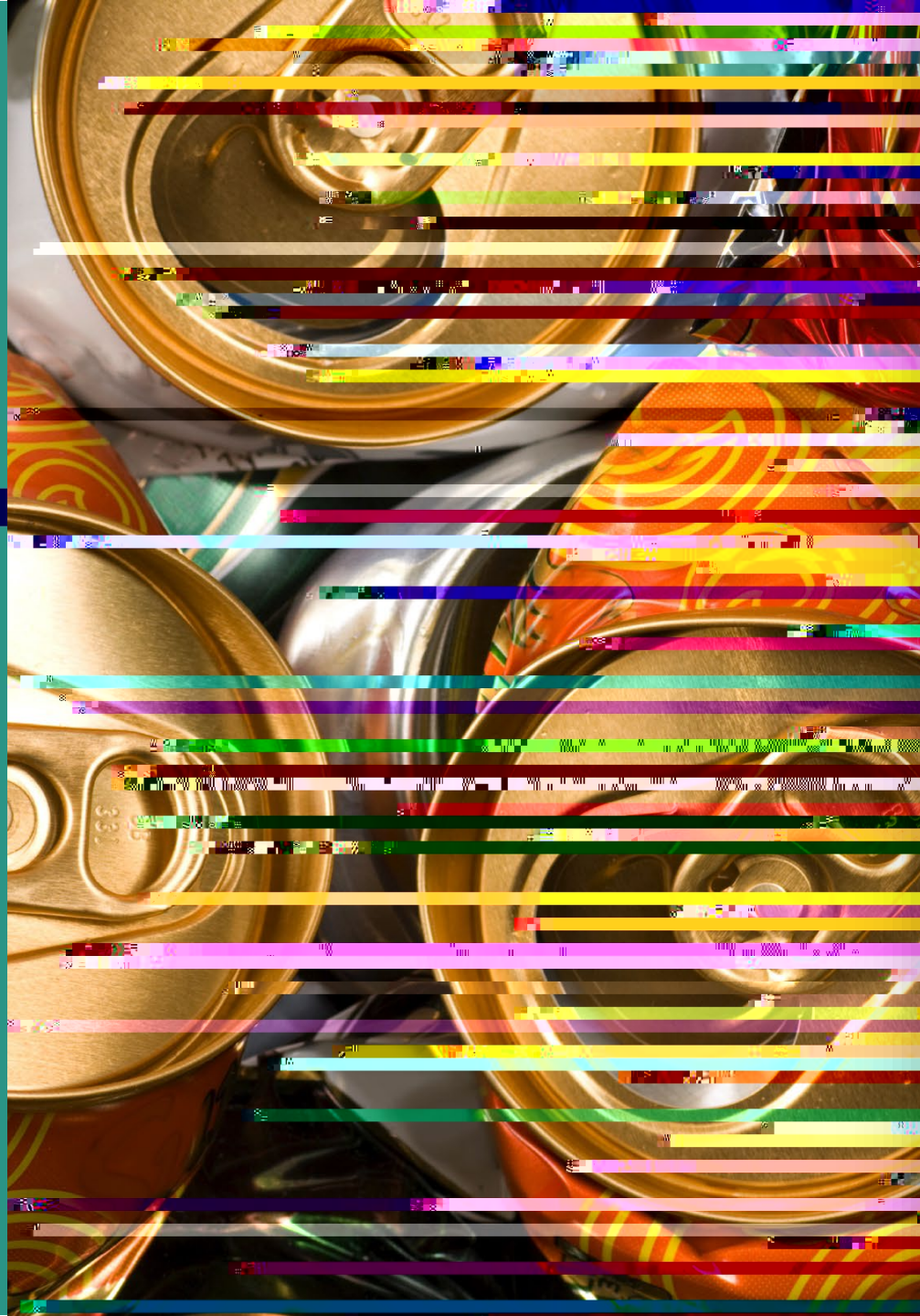
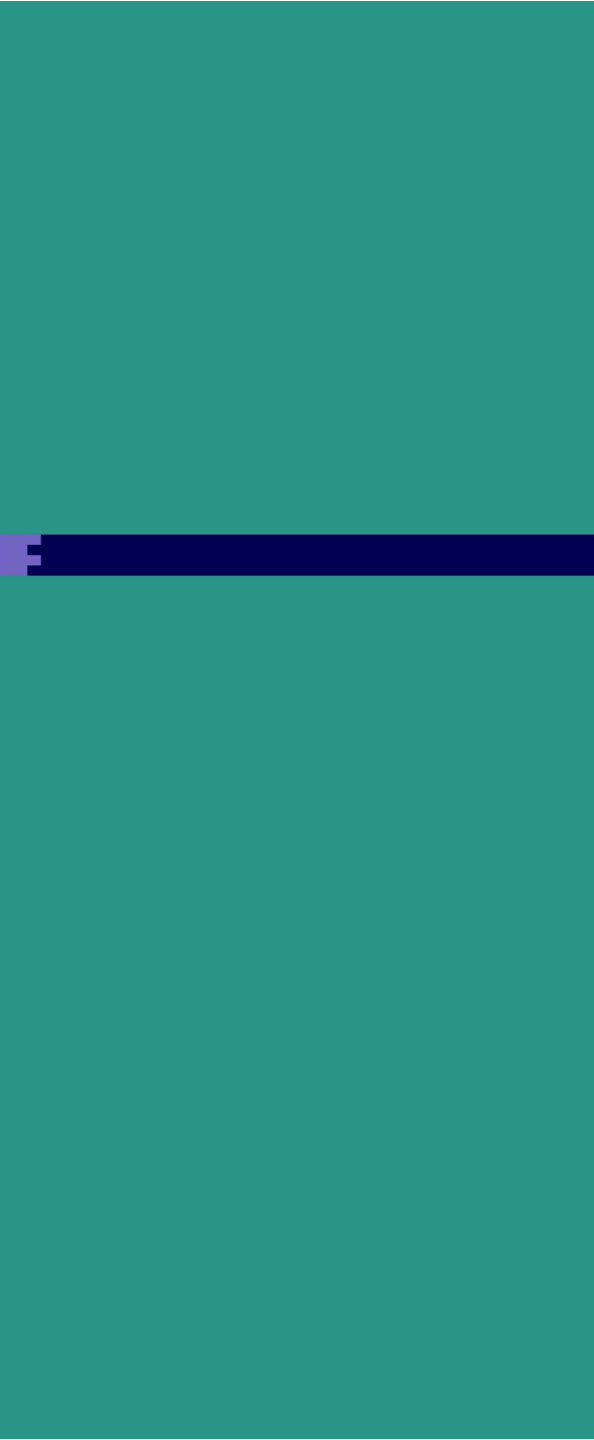




Preemption isn't
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Austin, Texas



California Sugary Drink Taxes

Passage of State Legislation Preempting Local Laws About:

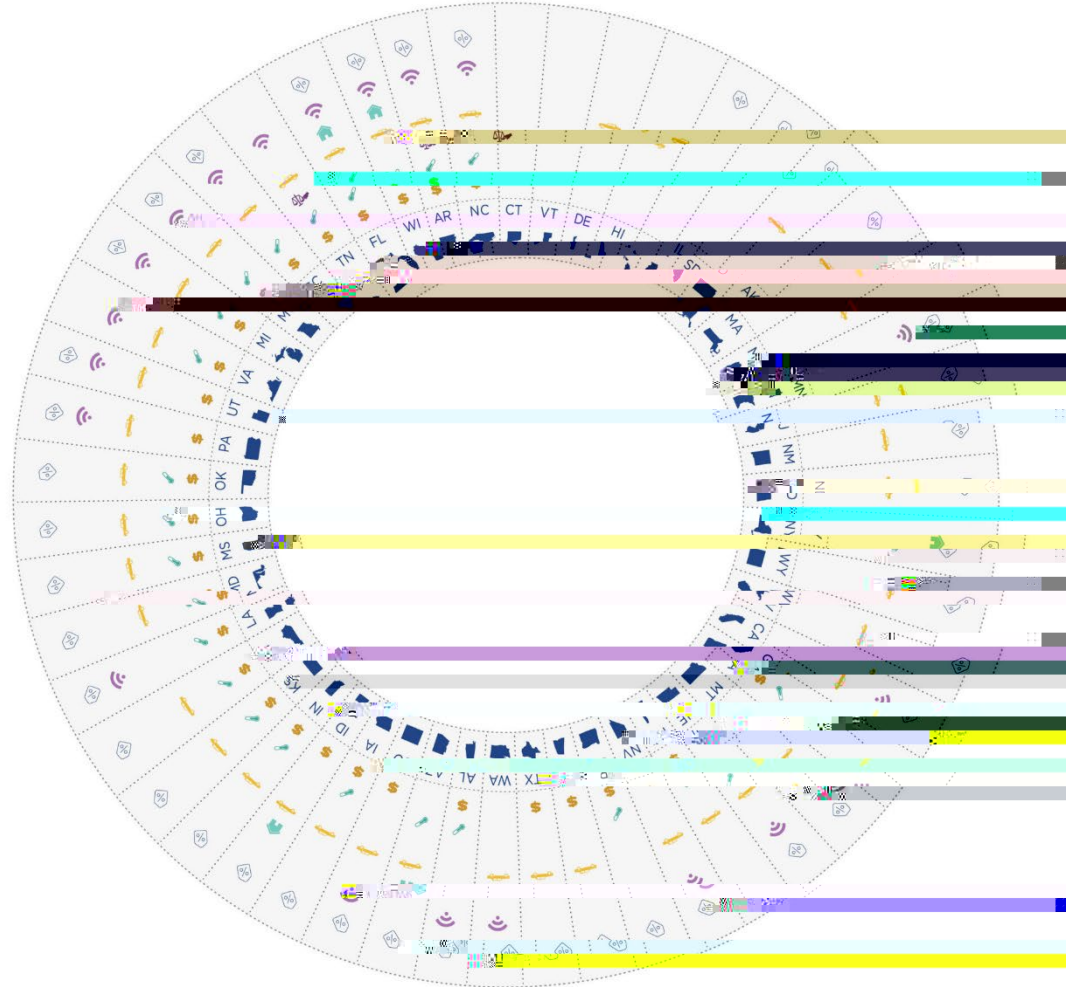
- Gig Economy
- Minimum Wage
- Soda Taxes
- Fair Scheduling
- Paid Leave
- Single-Use Plastics
- Short-Term Rentals

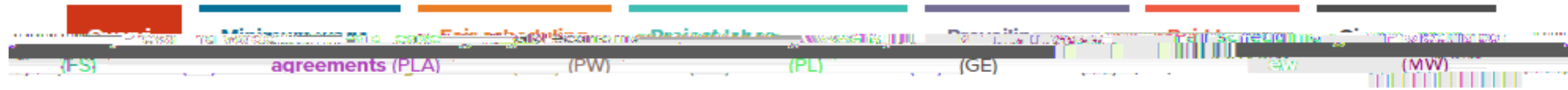


Where Does Preemption Limit Local Control?

Preemption is the use of state law to nullify a municipal ordinance or authority. State preemption can span virtually all policy areas.

- Wage
- Anti-discrimination
- Ride sharing
- Tax and fees
- Paid leave
- Home sharing
- Municipal broadband
- Limitations (TELS)





...es, localities, and other local governments are enacting policies that raise the standards for working people, but that also erode the economic reserves that states hold as

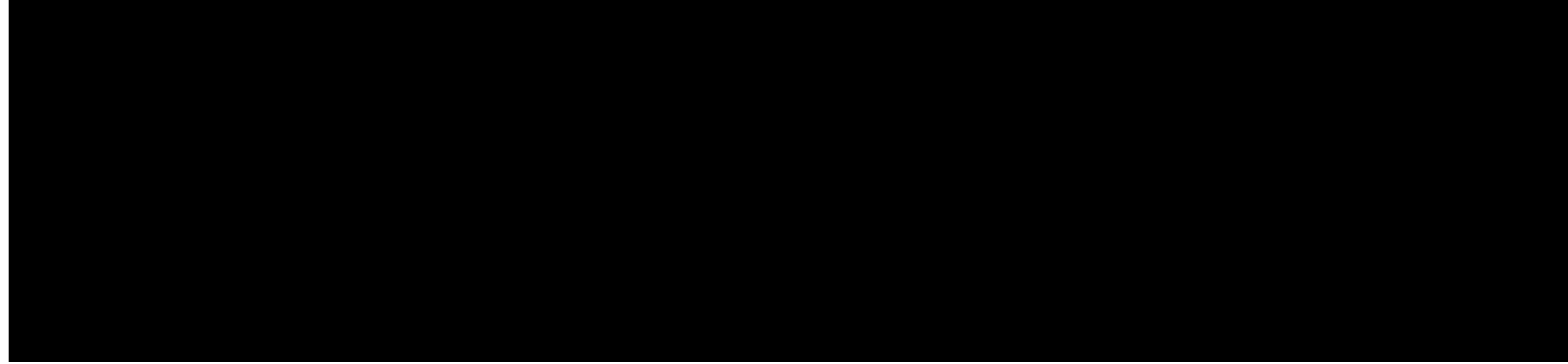
four states have preemption laws that target key worker rights. Select a category:

Preemption laws that target key worker rights:

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Map showing state preemption laws:

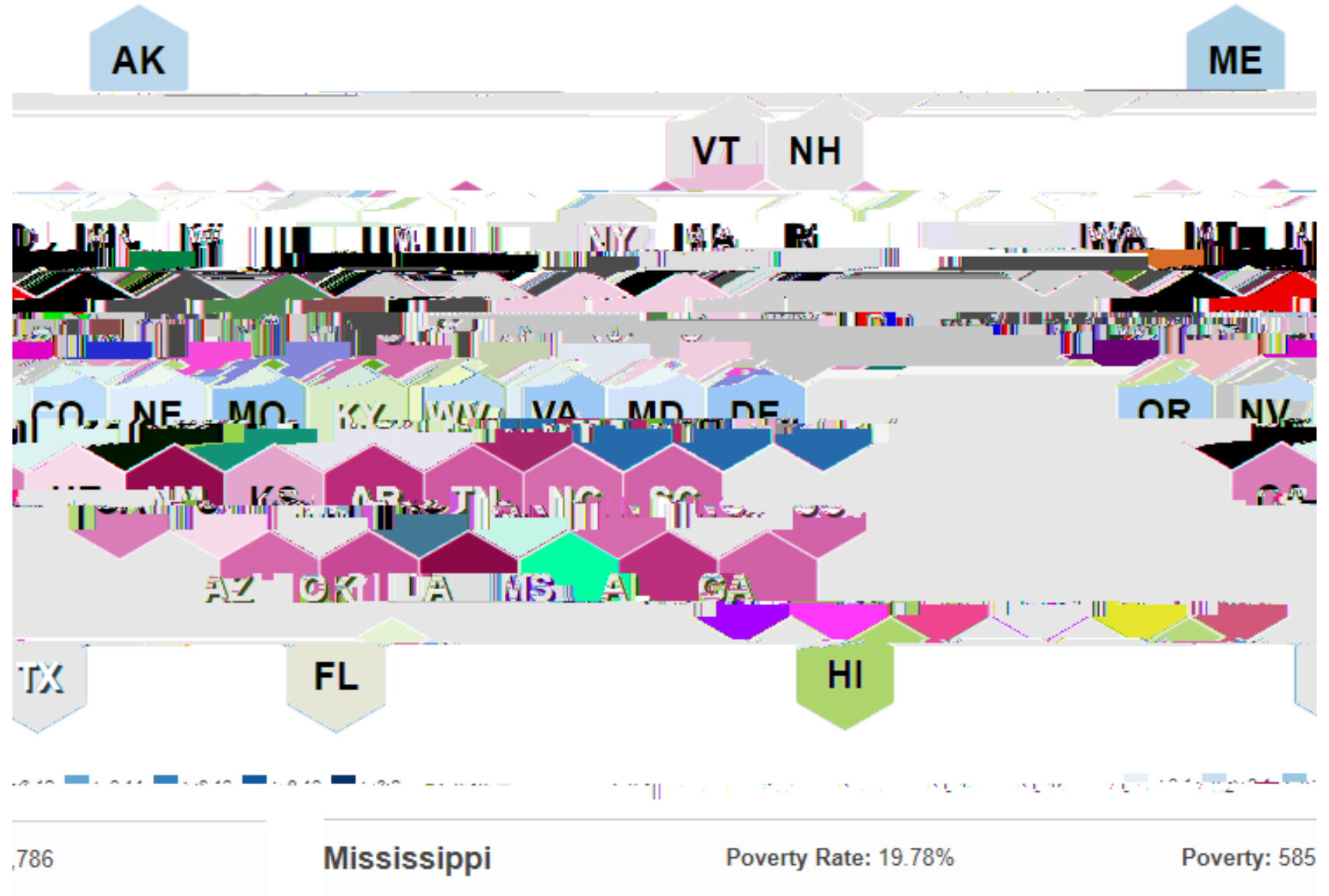
- Ore. (MW, PL)
- New. (PL, GE)
- Wyo. (GE)
- S.D. (PL, GE)
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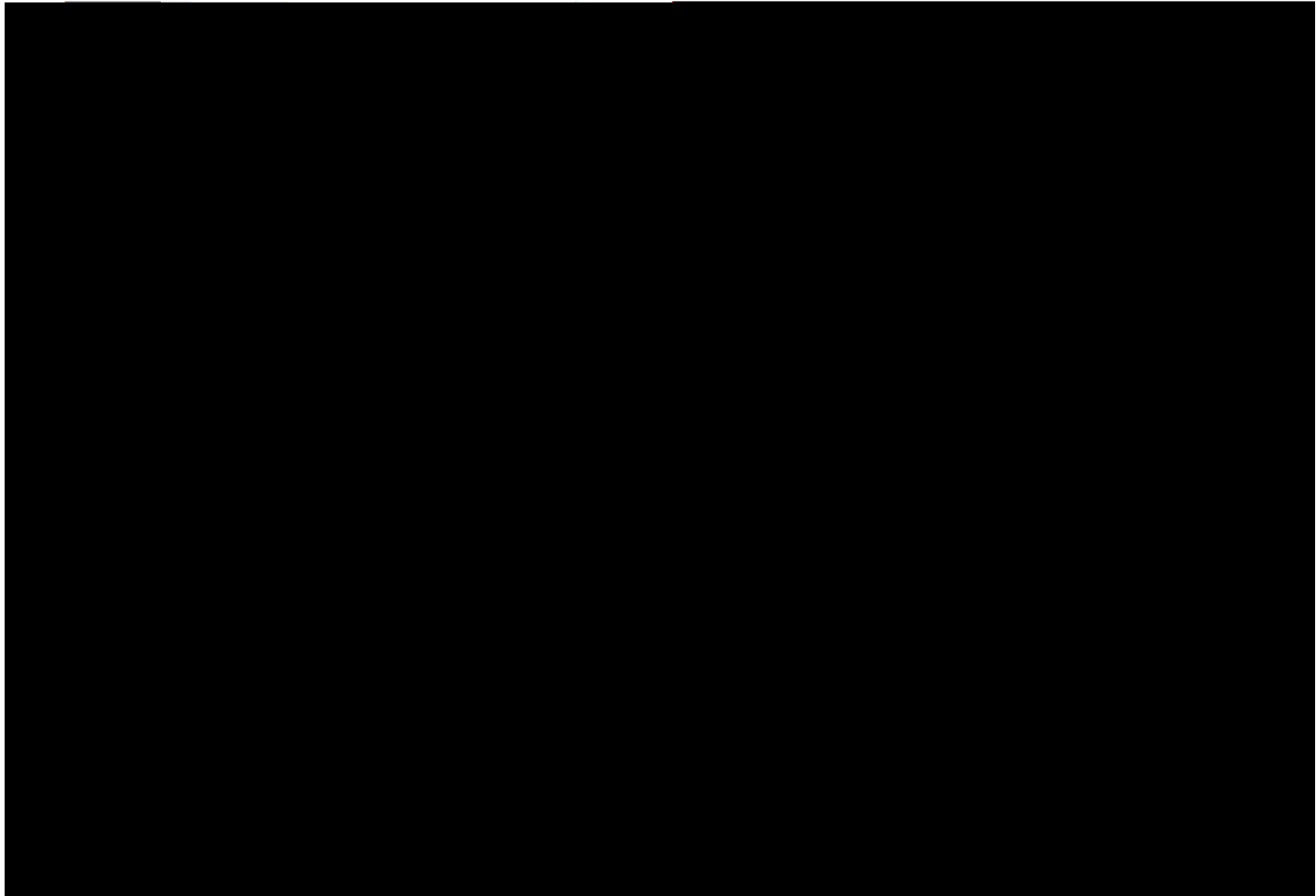


Poverty by State 2022

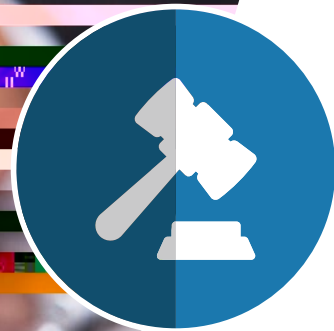
Highest Rate:
Mississippi (19.78%)

Lowest Rate: New
Hampshire (7.16%)





Preemption & COVID-19



States Punishing Localities & Withholding Funding



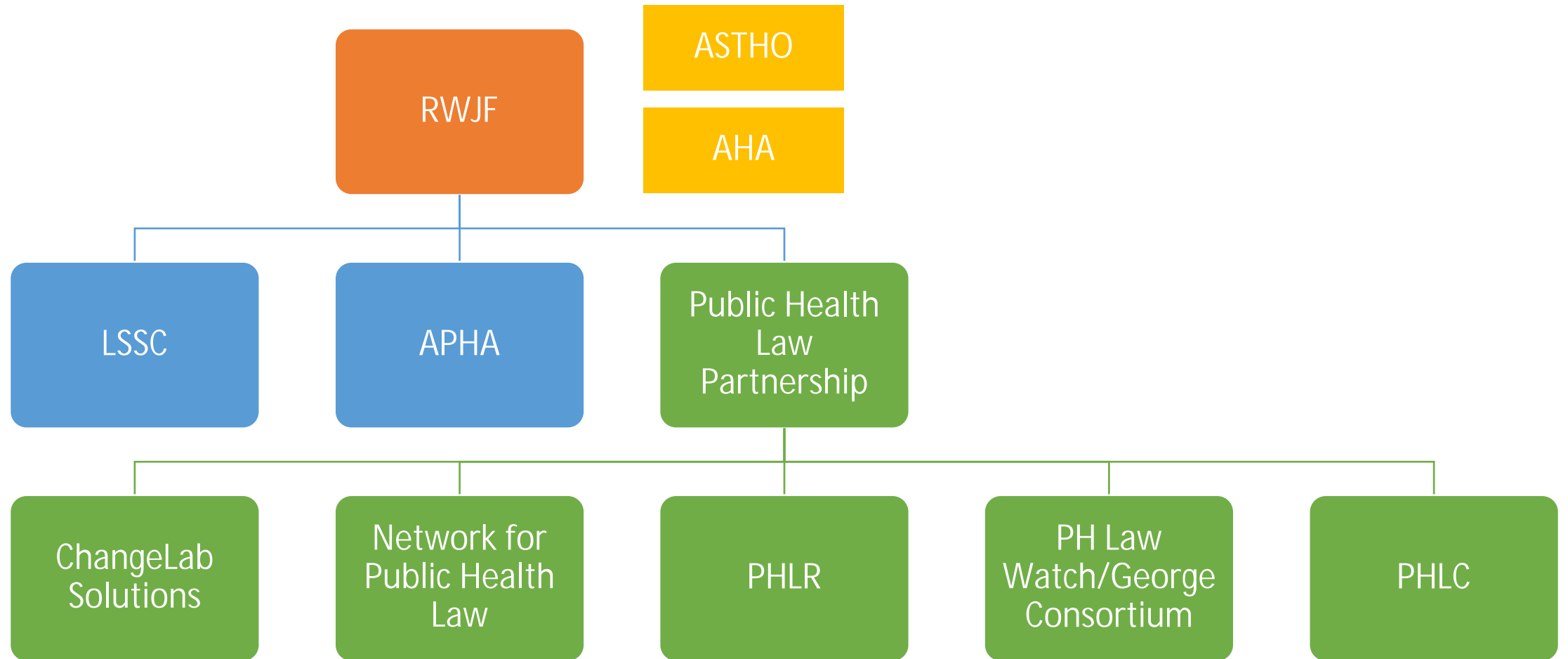


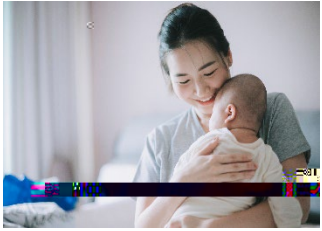
Health law partners addressing challenges to public health authority and infrastructure.

Perhaps more than at any other time in its history, public health is being directly and significantly impacted by how laws and policies are being implemented—or weakened.



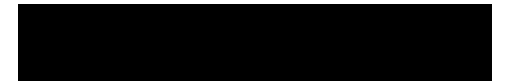
Protecting Public Health Authority





Act for Public Health Partners:

- Track legislation and litigation
- Provide direct consultation and legal technical assistance
- Produce resources and conduct webinars and events
- Keep the public health community informed



Other Activities

Communications

- Act for Public Health website
- Email list
- Social media
- Op-eds/media outreach

Resources

- Fact sheets on equity impacts and preemption
- Training and resources on messaging
- Training on advocacy and lobbying

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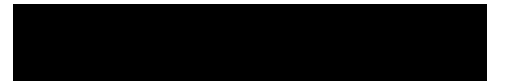
- Act for Public Health website form
- In collaboration with APHA and other partners

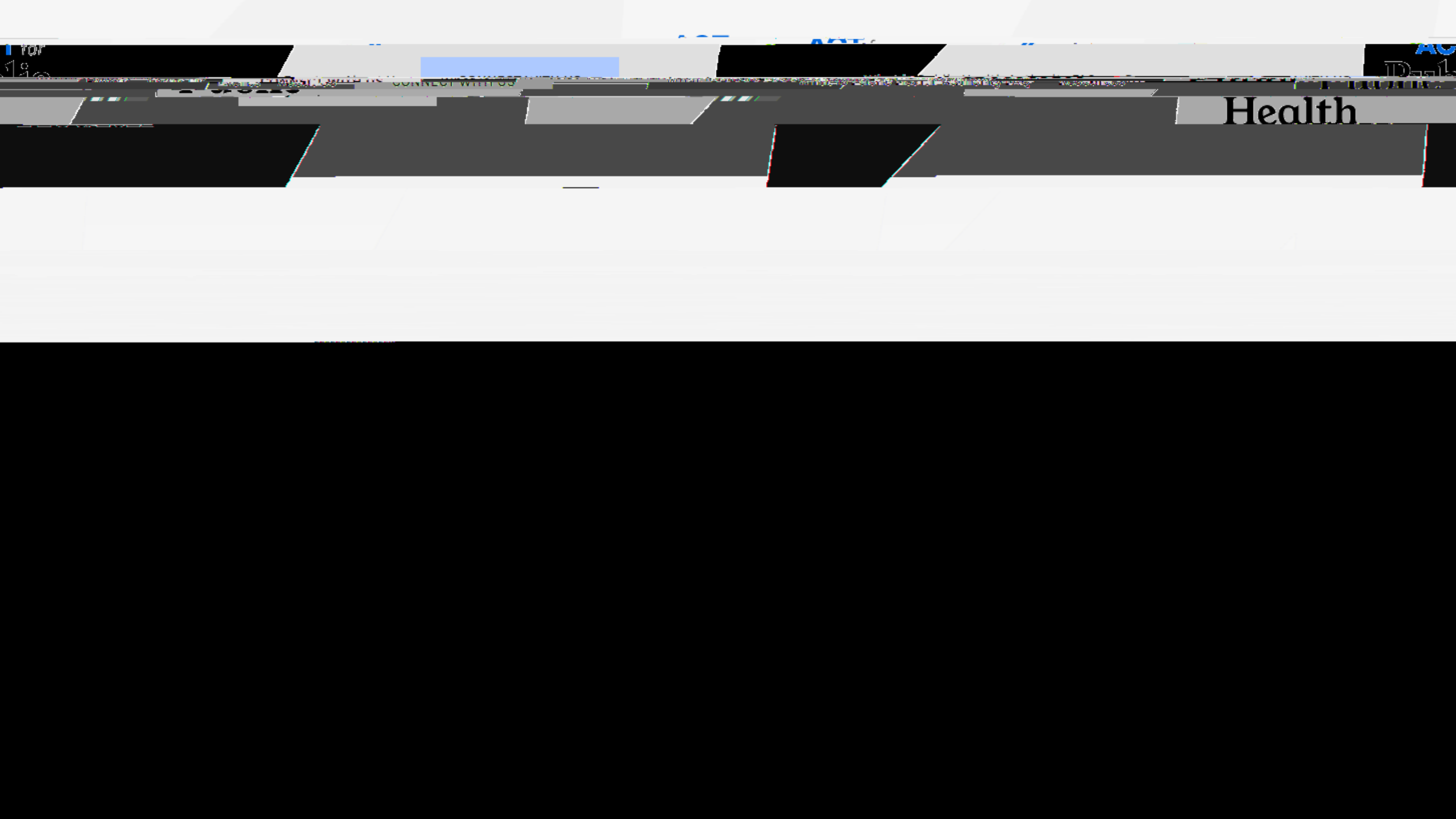
+ Amicus briefs



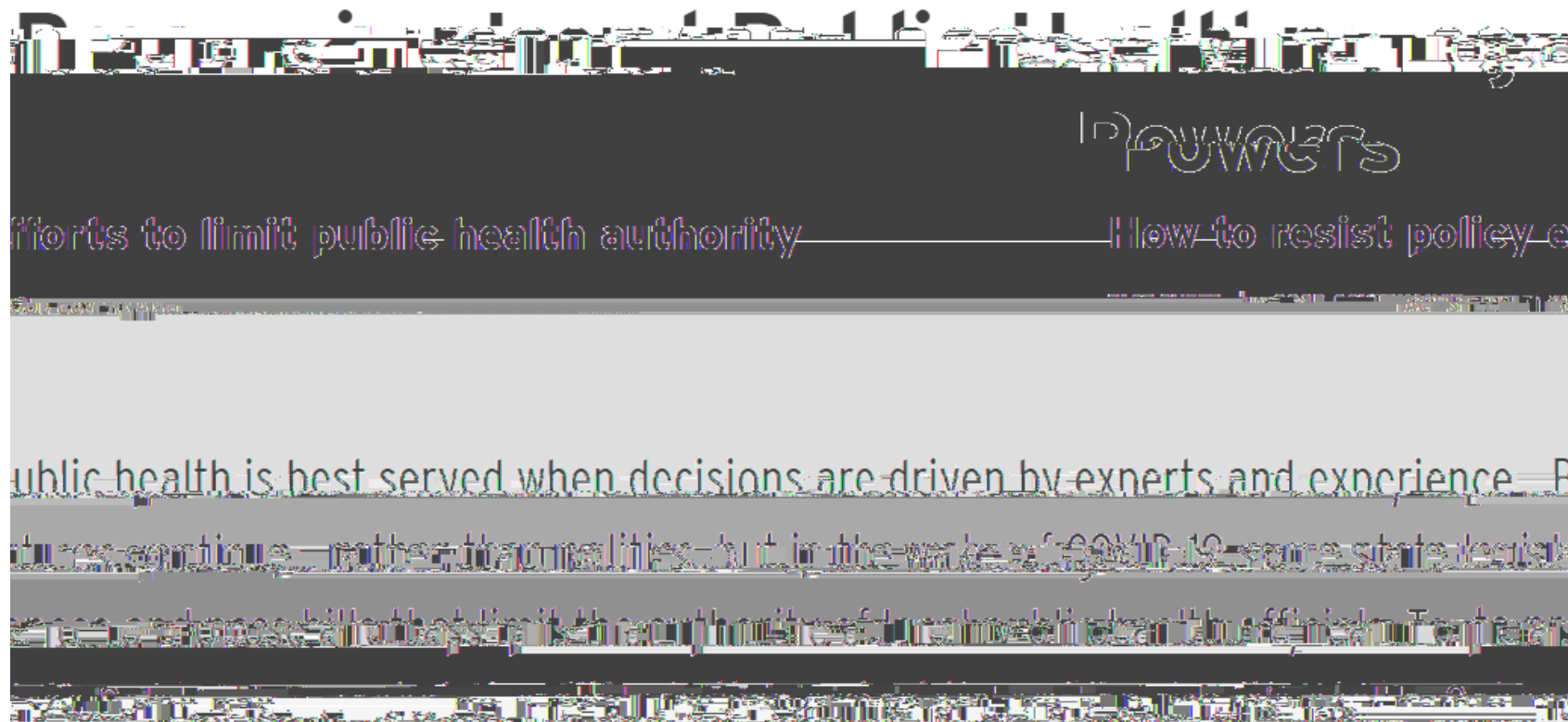
Visit the Act for Public Health Website actforpublichealth.org

- Request assistance
- Join the email list
- Learn about public health authority
- View resources
- Sign up for events





Health



Efforts to limit public health authority ————— How to resist policy e

Public health is best served when decisions are driven by experts and experience. P

...continue... rather than... but in the wake of COVID-19, some state legisla

...need... health... officials...

DOWNLOADS

 Help Ensure That Public Health Professionals Can Continue to Protect Community Well-Being

How communities can identify, understand, and resist potential legislative and local legal limitations on their traditional public health authority

What do public health professionals do?

Public health professionals work to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live healthy, happy lives. Public health professionals and local agencies use their governmental powers to protect and promote health and well-being for all. This includes:

routine activities: ... through education and services; providing ... in their neighborhoods; supporting moms and babies in their early days; and counteracting ... companies on ...

prepare for and respond to **emergencies** that threaten our health and safety, such as natural disasters, security threats, and infectious diseases like COVID-19!

Where do public health powers come from?

Governmental public health powers are rooted in states' authority to take actions that will protect the health and safety of their citizens. The U.S. Constitution grants public power reserved to them. State officials in state legislatures delegate some of this authority to state and/or local agencies like health departments. These agencies maintain expertise in public health and familiarity with community needs and conditions so that they can effectively respond to public health threats. Local health departments also tend to be

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FACT SHEET

 **Why Keep Public Health Powers Close to Local Communities**

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