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New Podcast Episode: Assessing Policy Responses to COVID-19

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In our latest episode, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin discusses the accelerating negotiations over the next COVID-19 legislative response package. He discusses potential provisions in the package such as liability protection for businesses, and options for extending the federal unemployment supplement. He also considers the next steps the Federal Reserve could take to support the economy as well as what the economic crisis shows about the Dodd-Frank Act's effectiveness.

AAF products mentioned in today's podcast:

- Holtz-Eakin examines Senators Wyden and Schumer's proposal to extend the federal unemployment insurance benefit in a recent Daily Dish, "[Wyden-Schumer and the Labor Market](#)." Subscribe to the Daily Dish [here](#).
- This week, AAF is releasing a series of papers, op-eds, and videos assessing the impact of Dodd-Frank a decade after it became law. [View the series](#).
- AAF's Labor Market Policy Data Analyst Isabel Soto finds that the maximum unemployment benefit is now greater than the median wage in the majority of states in "[Unemployment Benefits and Returning to Work](#)."
- Soto finds that 63 percent of all workers make more on unemployment insurance than when working, and reducing the federal supplement to \$100 still leaves 25 percent of workers making more on unemployment, in "[State Unemployment Benefits and Returning to Work](#)."

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