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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 challenges with implementing President Trump's recent executive order creating a new unemployment insurance supplement. He explains the key indicators for estimating which job losses are permanent as a result of the pandemic, as well as how policymakers should think about the future of the economy. He also considers options for reforming the U.S. Postal Service, and he discusses how the pandemic has impacted U.S. broadband infrastructure and the digital divide.

AAF products mentioned in today's podcast:

- Holtz-Eakin writes that the president's executive order to create an unemployment benefit is actually a "lost wages" benefit in a recent Daily Dish, "[Executive Orders \(Again\)](#)." Subscribe to the Daily Dish [here](#).
- Holtz-Eakin looks at the key indicators to best estimate which job losses are permanent as a result of the pandemic in a recent Daily Dish, "[Which Job Losses Are Permanent?](#)"
- In an [op-ed](#) published in *The Hill*, Holtz-Eakin discusses how closing the digital divide can fuel the economic recovery.

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