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# New Podcast Episode: Assessing Policy Responses to COVID-19

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It's The AAF Exchange — your source for clear, data-driven insight into today's economic and domestic policy issues.

Our latest episode features AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin discussing the challenges that states and local governments are facing with worker layoffs, constrained budgets, and labor market disincentives. He considers what Congress should do with the expanded unemployment benefit before it expires on July 31. He also mentions his [recent](#) Daily Dish about the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the health and economic well-being of minority populations.

Two additional AAF products mentioned in today's podcast:

- Holtz-Eakin wrote about the challenges state and local government are facing in a recent Daily Dish email newsletter, "[The State-Local Government Employment Picture](#)." Subscribe to the Daily Dish [here](#).
- AAF's Labor Market Policy Data Analyst Isabel Soto found that because of the \$600 federal unemployment supplement, more than 50 percent of workers in all states (except DC) make more on unemployment insurance than when working in "[State Unemployment Benefits and Returning to Work](#)."

Make sure to follow AAF's dashboard, [COVID-19: Impact and Response](#), where you can find AAF experts' up-to-date analysis of the government's proposals and actions on the pandemic.

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