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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 considers potential paths for extending the federal unemployment insurance benefit, which expires on July 31st, as well as other potential provisions in the next legislative aid package. He also discusses the recent jobs figures and the administration's regulatory agenda.

AAF products mentioned in today's podcast:

- Holtz-Eakin recently proposed in the Daily Dish, "[Safely Opening the Economy](#)," a tax credit that would encourage businesses to reopen safely. Subscribe to the Daily Dish [here](#).
- Holtz-Eakin wrote about the challenges state and local government are facing in a recent Daily Dish, "[The State-Local Government Employment Picture](#)."
- 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 UI 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](#)."
- AAF's Director of Regulatory Policy Dan Bosch examines the administration's Spring 2020 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions in "[Has the Trump Administration Reached 'Peak Deregulation'?](#)"

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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