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New Podcast Episode: Assessing Policy Responses to COVID-19

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Our latest episode features AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin discussing the potential implications of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, which House Democrats introduced this week. He also examines the challenges of incentivizing individuals to return to work as states reopen their economies as well as claims that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is failing.

Holtz-Eakin discussed the argument over the PPP in this morning's Daily Dish email newsletter, "In Defense of the PPP." Subscribe to the Daily Dish here.

Three new products from AAF are mentioned in today's podcast:

- AAF's Labor Market Policy Data Analyst Isabel Soto analyzed unemployment benefit incentives in her new research, "State Unemployment Benefits and Returning to Work," and found that if the federal supplement is reduced to $100 a week, 25 percent of the U.S. workforce could still make more on unemployment.
- AAF's Director of Financial Services Policy Thomas Wade is tracking the Federal Reserve's balance sheet, the best indicator of the Fed's direct intervention in the economy.
- Wade is also tracking most recent data from the Small Business Administration to chart the allocation of PPP funds.

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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