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New Podcast Episode: Student Loan Forgiveness, Trade with Asia, and Continued Inflation Woes

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AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In “[Student Loans](#)” Holtz-Eakin walks through the problems with blanket student loan forgiveness.
- In “[The Biden Administration's Blanket Student Loan Forgiveness Would Be Regressive and Shortsighted](#),” Data and Policy Analyst Tom Lee discusses the myriad problems with blanket student loan forgiveness.
- In “[Success Unlikely in Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Without New Market Access](#),” Director of International Economic Policy Tori Smith examines the components of the IPEF (with special emphasis on trade), notes what the framework is missing, and considers Congress' minimal role in the negotiations.
- In “[White House's New Initiative with Taiwan Falls Short of a Free Trade Agreement](#),” Smith explains what the Initiative on 21st Century Trade seeks to accomplish, and where it falls short.
- In “[Trade and Taiwan](#),” Holtz-Eakin explores the Initiative on 21st Century Trade's limitations.
- In “[The President's Inflation Plan](#),” Holtz-Eakin discusses President Biden's underwhelming plan to fight inflation.
- In “[Gas Prices \(Again\)](#),” Holtz-Eakin explains the Biden Administration's dramatic shifts in energy policy intended to combat rising gas prices.

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