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New Podcast Episode: The Federal Reserve, Student Loans, & the ACA Family Glitch

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In this episode of the AAF Exchange, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin joins us to discuss three major announcements coming out of Washington this week: a fix to the Affordable Care Act's so-called "family glitch," the Federal Reserve's seemingly more aggressive approach to reduce its balance sheet, and yet another extension of the freeze on federal student loan repayments.

AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In "[A Family Glitch](#)," Holtz-Eakin explains the ACA's family glitch and the Biden Administration's proposed fix.
- In "[Obligatory ACA Anniversary Post](#)," Director of Health Care Policy Christopher Holt reflects on the ACA's 12th anniversary.
- In "[Galactically Stupid](#)," Holtz-Eakin outlines the problems of student loan deferral.
- In "[Potential Consequences of Continued Student Loan Forbearance, and Blanket Loan Forgiveness](#)," Data and Policy Analyst Tom Lee walks through the impacts of ongoing student loan forbearance and explores potential consequences of blanket forgiveness.
- In "[High Gas Prices and Low Tax Policy](#)," Director of Fiscal Policy Gordon Gray explains a past ineffectual policy being resurrected to combat rising oil prices — the windfall profits tax.
- In "[Tracker: The Federal Reserve's Balance Sheet Assets](#)," Director of Financial Services Policy Thomas Wade follows the Fed's total consolidated assets as the best indicator of its direct intervention in the economy.

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