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New Podcast Episode: The State of the Labor Market

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In this episode of the AAF Exchange, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin and AAF Director of Labor Market Policy Isabel Soto join us to discuss the state of the labor market—where we are in the recovery, remaining challenges, and the potential impact of Washington policies. They also explain the Biden Administration's proposed exploration into sectoral bargaining and how such a system would impact the labor market, particularly independent workers.

AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In “[Sectoral Bargaining and Independent Work](#),” Soto explains how sectoral bargaining works and the potential costs of adopting such a concept on a national scale.
- In “[State-Level Costs of the Protecting the Right to Organize Act](#),” Soto and Thomas O’Rourke calculate the adverse effects of the PRO Act on right-to-work states.
- In “[The PRO Act in Pieces](#),” Soto notes how the Biden Administration is opening the door to rewriting labor law along the lines of the PRO Act without any congressional action.
- In “[The PRO Act and the States](#),” Holtz-Eakin explains the research that depicts the harm the of PRO Act to right-to-work states.
- In “[The Return of the PRO Act](#),” Soto examines the provisions in the PRO Act and considers their impact on workers, small businesses, and economic growth.
- In “[Abusing the Tax Code](#),” Holtz-Eakin discusses misuses of the tax code to enact policy, particularly with respect to electric vehicles and unionization.

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