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- Presented tax reform options to South Carolina legislators with Rick Evans
- Contributed to and published new releases of Tax-Calculator
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- Launched [GiveCalc.org](#), a PolicyEngine product that calculates the state and federal tax implications of charitable contributions
- Released behavioral response capabilities to [PolicyEngine US](#) and [PolicyEngine UK](#) to capture impacts of policy reforms on labor supply
- Launched PolicyEngine feature that [explains](#) tax and benefit calculations using LLMs
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