1. **Restaurants are struggling more than other industries**
   - After taking a big hit early in the pandemic, the restaurant industry has seen unprecedented growth throughout 2021, with restaurant GDP growing an average of 40% per quarter.
   - Restaurant GDP is growing nearly 20 times faster than the average in every industry except arts and entertainment, which received federal subsidies from the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program.
   - Industries like retail were also disproportionately hit, and are recovering at a much slower rate.

2. **RRF is structurally sound and just needs more funds to fix inequities**
   - The discriminatory priority period gave certain applicants who met specific race, gender, and ethnic requirements special access to funding in the first 21 days of the program.
   - **RRF was designed for larger applicants.** The calculation and eligible uses were too generous, allowing larger restaurants to receive the full $10 million. This effectively limited the number of total restaurants who received grants.
   - RRF created competitive disadvantages in local markets. It allowed RRF recipients to pay for large hiring bonuses with federal funds, facility enhancements, and to pay off debts that other local businesses could not afford.

3. **Refilling RRF will save the restaurant industry**
   - Instead of closing the application window when the $28 billion in RRF funds were exhausted, Biden's SBA kept the window open for the first 21 days, aligned with the priority period.
   - The application queue does not represent full demand of eligible applicants, such as those who chose not to submit an application after hearing that funds were exhausted.
   - Funding remaining applications will just lead to more inequitable outcomes and will lead to yet another request for taxpayer dollars.

4. **RRF funds are targeted and exclusively help small restaurants**
   - 90% of RRF funds went to applicants above the median grant amount, showing that RRF recipients skewed heavily towards larger applicants.
   - These funds were not just reserved for restaurants. Hotels like Marriott & Hilton, large private equity groups that own restaurants, casinos and luxury resorts all received funds.

5. **Restaurants need grants to combat inflation and supply chain issues**
   - Increasing money supply by issuing grants to restaurants would worsen both inflation and supply chain issues.
   - The Fed recently found that the American Rescue Plan stimulus measures were implemented at a time when the economy was already recovering.
   - Spending even more taxpayer dollars when the economy is recovering quickly would not only contribute to inflation, it would essentially redistribute welfare to the restaurant industry at the expense of every other industry.