When asked to defend a massive spending agenda, President Biden said:

"What would they have me cut? What would they have me leave out?"

We are glad you asked, Mr. President.

Skating on Thin Ice

Woonsocket, Rhode Island's city council is spending its first tranche from the so-called "American Rescue Plan" on a number of items to combat COVID-19, including:

- \$53,000 for ergonomic chairs for city council chambers,
- \$75,000 for ornamental streetlights, and
- \$250,000 for a new ice skating rink

The city council is now on thin ice with some of its constituents who are asking questions – good questions. Like this one from a local high school student:

"I think that I'm just curious as to how federal rescue funds to help people, how is an ice skating rink helping people? How are chairs helping people? Are the chairs to make sure you guys sit more comfortably while people are sleeping in the streets, uncomfortable, freezing?"

We were wondering the same ourselves.

Stay tuned for more.

Source: Plan to spend federal COVID relief funds sparks backlash in Woonsocket, WPRI, 11/16/21