The American Economic Association in cooperation with Senator Tom Carper (R-DE), Representative John Campbell (R-CA) and Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) held a briefing on the importance of the 2012 Economic Census for business and government decision making on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-340. The impetus for the briefing was a budget impact statement to OMB from the Census Bureau that the Economic Census could be cancelled due to inadequate FY2012 funding.


**Moderator:** Charles Schultze, Brookings Institution

**Speakers:**

L-R: Tim Maney, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Charles Schultze, Brookings Institution; Katharine Abraham, Council of Economic Advisers; William Shobe, University of Virginia; J. Steven Landefeld, Bureau of Economic Analysis.
• J. Steven Landefeld, Bureau of Economic Analysis, “The Importance of the 2012 Economic Census to GDP and Other Key Macroeconomic Statistics”

• Katharine G. Abraham, Council of Economic Advisers, “The Importance of Economic Census Data for Federal Policy”

• Tim Maney, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

• William Shobe, University of Virginia, “State and Local Use of the Economic Census”