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CBO's Panel of Economic Advisers commented on an early version of the economic forecast underlying this report. Members of the panel are Katharine G. Abraham, Alan J. Auerbach, Markus K. Brunnermeier, Mary C. Daly, Steven J. Davis, Claudia Goldin, Robert E. Hall, Jan Hatzius, Anil Kashyap, Lawrence F. Katz, Donald L. Kohn, N. Gregory Mankiw, Jonathan A. Parker, Adam S. Posen, James M. Poterba, Valerie A. Ramey, Carmen M. Reinhart, Brian Sack, Robert Shimer, Justin Wolfers, and Mark Zandi. Richard Peach and Mickey Levy attended the panel's meeting as guests. Although CBO's outside advisers provided considerable assistance, they are not responsible for the contents of this report.

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Economic Projections

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Jason Levine	Financial markets
Leah Loversky	Motor vehicle sector, model and data management
Joshua Montes	Labor markets
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Pamela Greene	Corporate income taxes
Peter Huether	Excise taxes
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Ann Futrell	Veterans' health care and employment training services, international food assistance
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Health

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Natural and Physical Resources

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