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New Podcast Episode: The CHIPS Act & Avoiding a Government Shutdown

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In this episode of the AAF Exchange, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin discusses the deal to avert a partial government shutdown, the latest read on the economy, and the Biden Administration's CHIPS Act rollout.

AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In "[Capital One's Acquisition of Discover Could Inject Competition Into Payments Market](#)," Competition Economics Analyst Fred Ashton discusses the business operations of Capital One and Discover and considers the potential economic and competitive effects of their merger.
- In "[Thinking Through the Capital One-Discover Deal](#)," Holtz-Eakin reviews Capital One's upcoming acquisition of Discover.
- In "[Thinking Clearly About Supermarket Mergers](#)," Holtz-Eakin explores the FTC's suit against supermarkets Albertsons and Kroger's merger.
- In "Weekly Economic Tracker," Holtz-Eakin breaks down this week's economic news.
- In "[Highlights of CBO's Update to the Budget and Economic Outlook for 2024–2034](#)," Vice President for Economic Policy Gordon Gray reviews the CBO's recently released updated budget and economic outlook, which provides Congress with a 10-year budget and economic baseline to assess the cost of legislation.
- In "[No CHIPS, Please](#)," Holtz-Eakin examines restrictions placed on the CHIPS Act that have made the law untenably bad.
- In "[The Progressive Mindset on Display](#)," Holtz-Eakin notes problems with the CHIPS and Science Act and a proposal to shorten the work week to four days.
- In "[Is Congress Helping or Hurting Inflation?](#)" Gray considers the potential budgetary impact of the Inflation Reduction Act and the CHIPS and Science Act.
- In "['CHIPS' Feeds Spending Spree](#)," former Director of International Economic Policy Tori Smith and

former Data and Policy Analyst Tom Lee consider how \$16 billion CHIPS legislation morphed into \$250–\$400 billion catch-all bills.

- In “[Hold the CHIPS: The Private Sector Is Fixing the Semiconductor Shortage](#),” Competition Economics Analyst Fred Ashton demonstrates why private sector efforts to boost semiconductor production render the CHIPS Act wasteful, unnecessary, and counterproductive.

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