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H.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business 2361 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0515

NOTICE OF HEARING March 12, 2019 10:00 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and

Entrepreneurship

FROM: Abby Finkenauer, Chairwoman

DATE: Tuesday, March 5, 2019

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship will meet for a hearing titled, "Challenges in SBA's State Trade Expansion Program." The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The hearing will review the state of the SBA State Trade Expansion Program (STEP). The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 directed SBA to establish the program to provide grants to states to increase the number of small businesses exploring trade opportunities. Members will hear how the SBA is performing in its management of the program along with compliance and grant challenges facing states and small businesses.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, March 11, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Ellen Harrington, Senior Professional Staff for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.