

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

NOTICE OF HEARING

March 13, 2019

11:30 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Committee on Small Business

FROM: Nydia Velázquez, Chairwoman

DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “Flipping the Switch on Rural Digital Entrepreneurship.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

According to U.S. Census data, only 17 percent of businesses are located in rural areas despite 97 percent of the nation being classified as rural. Digital tools have changed the way many rural entrepreneurs are starting and growing their business. By embracing digital engagement, Main Street firms are experiencing greater sales both locally and globally. Yet, rural entrepreneurs still face challenges in fully utilizing digital technologies. The hearing will review the opportunities online technology holds and examine the barriers rural small businesses face in fully embracing it.

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 Gerardo Bonilla, Senior Economic Advisor for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.