

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**

**November 14, 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: Thursday, November 7, 2019**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship will hold a hearing titled, “Assessing the Government’s Role in Serving Rural American Small Businesses (Part One).” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 14, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Rural America, encompassing about 72% of our nation’s total land and about 46 million residents, plays a critical role in our economy. Yet, rural businesses face many unique challenges, such as access to capital, training, and technology. The hearing will examine the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business-Cooperative Service programs and Small Business Administration’s programs, and how these agencies can work together to support entrepreneurship, economic growth and business development in rural communities.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Michael Stein, Professional Staff Member for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.