

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6315

NOTICE OF HEARING

February 1, 2012

1:00 P.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Committee on Small Business

FROM: Sam Graves, Chairman

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2012

The Committee on Small Business will conduct a hearing entitled *The Path to Job Creation: The State of American Small Businesses*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 P.M. on February 1, 2012, in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The purpose of the hearing is to examine obstacles to small business job creation and economic growth. On October 24, 2011, Gallup released a poll outlining the most significant concerns facing America's small businesses. This poll mirrors numerous trade association, think tank, and national media polls that point to excessive government regulation, lack of available capital, and low consumer confidence as the biggest hurdles small business must overcome. The hearing aims to inform committee members of the most pressing obstacles facing small businesses in an effort to narrow our focus to the most pertinent obstacles and to tackle the most egregious impediments to job creation and economic growth.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, January 30 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Joe Hartz, Professional Staff for the Committee, at x55821.