

**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**

**July 24, 2017**

**10:00 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building**

**TO: Members, Subcommittees on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access  
and Agriculture, Energy, and Trade**

**FROM: Dave Brat, Chairman, and Rod Blum, Chairman**

**DATE: Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access and the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade will meet for a joint hearing titled, "Investing in Rural America." The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Access to capital is one of the key ingredients for small business success. Early stage funding such as venture capital can help small businesses expand and hire more individuals in their community. However, venture capital is predominately awarded to businesses in larger cities on the coasts. Various groups, including public-private partnerships, trade associations, and university based organizations, have emerged to help identify opportunities for private investors that support growing rural small businesses across the United States. This hearing will examine venture capital's role in helping small business to access capital, and provide success stories of organizations that provide resources to small businesses in rural America.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Daniel Brown, Professional Staff for the Committee, at 202-225-5821.