

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2361 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0515

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**January 26, 2016**

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

**TO: Members, Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations**

**FROM: Crescent Hardy, Chairman**

**DATE: Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

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The Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations will meet for a hearing titled, *“Oversight of the Office of Advocacy and the Office of the National Ombudsman at the SBA.”* **The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

This hearing will provide oversight of the Office of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy (Office of Advocacy) and the Office of the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman (Office of the National Ombudsman) within the Small Business Administration (SBA). The Office of Advocacy, which is housed within but independent from the SBA, advocates for the interests of small businesses as federal agencies develop new regulations. The Office of the National Ombudsman provides small businesses with an avenue to confidentially comment on all federal agencies’ regulatory enforcement activities. The hearing will examine how these offices are carrying out their statutorily-mandated duties to advocate for and assist American small businesses on regulatory matters.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Viktoria Ziebarth Seale, Counsel to the Committee, at 202-225-5821.