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Committee on Small Business

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Washington, DC 20515-6515

NOTICE OF HEARING

March 20, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Orleans County Legislature

3 South Main Street, Albion, NY

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health and Technology

FROM: Chris Collins, Chairman

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2014

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Health and Technology will meet for a hearing titled, *Expanding Broadband Access and Capabilities to Small Businesses in Rural New York*. **The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Orleans County Legislature, 3 South Main Street, Albion, NY.**

Access to broadband is essential for small businesses and their ability to compete in the global economy. It provides the gateway and opportunity for small firms to utilize the full capabilities of the Internet to help grow their business and help create jobs - especially in rural areas. The hearing will examine access to broadband in rural communities and the role of the federal government in expanding these capabilities to small businesses in upstate New York.

If you or your staff has any questions, please contact Andy Karellas, at the Committee, at 202-225-5821.