

**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**

**April 19, 2012**

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

**TO: Members, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access**

**FROM: Joe Walsh, Chairman**

**DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2012**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access will conduct a hearing entitled *Equity Finance: Catalyst for Small Business Growth*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on April 19, 2012, in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Equity financing is a funding method where a business owner sells a percentage of their company in exchange for an ownership stake. Because many start-up businesses do not have sufficient assets to pledge as collateral to secure a bank loan, equity finance is an important source of funding. Equity finance provides not only growth capital, but also strategic partners who are invested in the business's success. Witnesses will discuss the affect of the current regulatory environment on equity finance and ways to strengthen the entrepreneurial funding ecosystem.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Andy Guggenheim, Counsel for the Committee, at x55821.