

**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 2, 2014**

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

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business**

**FROM: Sam Graves, Chairman**

**DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, *Bitcoin: Examining the Benefits and Risks for Small Business*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 P.M. on April 2, 2014 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Bitcoins are a form of virtual currency first introduced in 2008 that allows users to exchange value digitally through the Internet. Despite not being backed by a government or holding any intrinsic value of their own, Bitcoins are growing as an alternative payment system. This hearing will explain what Bitcoins are and examine both the benefits and the risks associated with Bitcoin as a payment system for small businesses.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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