

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
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Washington, DC 20515-6315

NOTICE OF HEARING

May 12, 2016

11:00 A.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Committee on Small Business

FROM: Steve Chabot, Chairman

DATE: Thursday, May 5, 2016

The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “The New Faces of American Manufacturing.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 12, 2016 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Over the next decade, it is likely that nearly three and a half million American manufacturing jobs will need to be filled. There is expected to be a “skills gap” that is expected to result in two million of those jobs going unfilled. The cause of the gap is multifaceted. Manufacturing output has increased in the United States nine out of the last thirteen quarters, and with it businesses’ need for skilled workers has increased. Exacerbating the shortage is the wave of retiring baby boomers, those Americans born between 1946 and 1964, who are retiring at a rate of 10,000 a day. The hearing will discuss these issues as well as examine innovative ways academia and manufacturers are addressing workforce development for the next generation of American manufacturers.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 9, 2016 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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