

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**

**July 12, 2016**

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

**TO: Members, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade**

**FROM: Carlos Curbelo, Chairman**

**DATE: Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

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The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade will meet for a hearing titled, "Ready for Liftoff: The Importance of Small Businesses in the NASA Supply Chain." **The hearing will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in Room 2360 in the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The Subcommittee will examine the challenges facing small businesses who conduct business with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Since the space shuttle's retirement in 2011, some downstream engine and parts suppliers have struggled to survive in the gap period to the next manned-rocket system. The hearing will focus on how they've addressed these challenges, their impact on the local economies, the importance of small firms to the supply chain, and the significance of small manufacturers helping lead the way in space exploration.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, July 11, 2016 in Room 2360 in the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Hartz, Professional Staff for the Committee, at 5-5821.