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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
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Washington, DC 20515-6515

NOTICE OF HEARING

June 25, 2019

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

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure

FROM: Jared Golden, Chairman

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure will meet for a hearing titled, “Broadband Mapping: Small Carrier Perspectives on a Path Forward.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Access to reliable high speed broadband is a critical issue for small businesses, especially in rural communities that are still unserved. However, more accurate broadband maps are needed to direct federal funds to small rural carriers who seek to serve the most remote parts of America. Improved granularity and an opportunity for communities to challenge the accuracy of broadband maps are needed to build broadband networks out to the 19 million Americans on the dark side of the digital divide. At the hearing, Members will hear from a diverse group of small rural carriers about the current challenges of broadband mapping and explore ways that the federal government and private sector can work together to collect more accurate broadband coverage data.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, June 24, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Meagan Sunn, Professional Staff Member for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.