

**Congress of the United States**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Small Business**  
2561 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-6515

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**October 4, 2019**

**1:00 P.M., Columbia Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY 12534**

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business**  
**FROM: Nydia Velázquez, Chairwoman**  
**DATE: Friday, September 27, 2019**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “Closing the Digital Divide: Connecting Rural Americans to Reliable Internet Service.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 P.M. on Friday, October 4, 2019 at Columbia Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, NY 12534.**

Over 24 million Americans, the vast majority of whom live in rural areas, lack access to broadband at benchmark speeds. Small businesses, students, and farmers across upstate New York deserve better access to reliable and affordable broadband service. The field hearing will be an opportunity for the public to hear a conversation about broadband deployment efforts in rural America and the challenges small firms and local communities face without reliable broadband services.

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