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Committee on Small Business
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NOTICE OF FIELD HEARING

October 21, 2019

1:00 P.M., Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325-3404

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship

FROM: Abby Finkenauer, Chairwoman

DATE: Monday, October 14, 2019

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship will hold a field hearing titled, “Harvesting the Digital Age: Connecting our Communities for a Better Future.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 P.M. on Monday, October 21, 2019 at Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.**

Without the ability to disseminate the high costs of deployment or leverage economies of scale, small communities often rely on assistance from the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Agriculture to mitigate these high costs. Recent improvements to these programs have helped, but more can be done, especially as Congress debates an infrastructure bill. Over the last couple of years, Congress has enacted several bipartisan efforts to quickly increase the amount of resources available to these communities, but a lack of clarity leaves many of these programs underutilized.

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