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NOTICE OF HEARING October 5, 2017 10:00 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

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

FROM: Rod Blum, Chairman

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2017

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade will meet for a hearing titled, "High-Tech Agriculture: Small Firms on the Frontier of Agribusiness." The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

This hearing will examine rapid development of the agricultural technology (agtech) industry driven by the private sector. Entrepreneurs are tackling industry challenges and facilitating technology transfer from the lab to the farm to the table. Agricultural regions are competing to be the next great innovation hub, which has spurred rural revitalization. The discussion will explore issues beyond the headlines to understand the role of small businesses and the perspective of small family farmers.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, October 2, 2017 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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