

**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**

**February 15, 2017**

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

**TO: Members, Committee on Small Business**

**FROM: Steve Chabot, Chairman**

**DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, *Start-ups Stalled? The Tax Code as a Barrier to Entrepreneurship*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

On many fronts, the American economy is recovering. Hiring, wages, and the labor force are all on the rise. However, there is one area where the economy appears to be in serious trouble. New business creation, despite overall positive recent trends, is still in long-term decline when compared to levels from the 1980s, 1990s, and early 2000s. While there are likely a number of underlying causes, the current tax code doesn't make entrepreneurship any easier. The Committee will meet to examine the extent to which the tax code operates as a barrier to business creation and growth.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 13 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kimberly Pinter, Tax Counsel for the Committee, at 202-225-5821.