

# 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

May 15, 2013

1:00 P.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

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

**FROM: Sam Graves, Chairman**

**DATE: Wednesday, May 9, 2013**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, *Patent Reform Implementation and New Challenges for Small Businesses*. The hearing is scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

The Committee will examine the changing landscape of patent law and its effects on small firms. The American Invents Act (AIA) signed into law on September 16, 2011, made significant changes to the procedures by which the United States awards patents. Given the changes, the hearing will address how the procedural changes affect the ability of small businesses to obtain patents. In addition, the hearing will examine how patent assertion entities (PAEs) affect small firms and whether additional changes are needed in patent procedures to ameliorate the adverse consequences of PAEs on small firms.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Corey Cooke with the Committee at 5-5821.