

**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 16, 2018**

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

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

**FROM: Steve Chabot, Chairman**

**DATE: Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

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The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “Intellectual Property 101: How Small Business Owners Can Utilize Intellectual Property Protections in Their Businesses.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Intellectual property plays a vital role in protecting creative and innovative products and ideas. There are four main types of intellectual property: patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Each type of intellectual property has different attributes and criteria that must be met in order to be protected. Unfortunately, many small business owners are not aware that they should protect their innovative products and ideas through intellectual property protections. Those small business owners that are aware of intellectual property rights do not always know how to navigate the intellectual property process, and it can be very expensive. This hearing will examine how small business owners have used intellectual property protections to help their businesses and identify issues they have faced when navigating the intellectual property processes.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 14, 2018 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Stephanie Fekete, Counsel for the Committee, at 202-225-5821.