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NOTICE OF HEARING March 26, 2014 10:00 A.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

To: Members, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce

From: Richard Hanna, Chairman

Date: March 19, 2014

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce will meet for a hearing titled, *Barriers to Opportunity: Do Occupational Licensing Laws Unfairly Limit Entrepreneurship and Jobs?* The hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on March 26, 2014 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

As the private sector economy continues to struggle to create sufficient numbers of new jobs to offset those lost in the recession, many unemployed and underemployed Americans may decide to utilize whatever skills or talents they have to start their own business to earn an income. However, for many of these workers, they will first need to obtain a potentially costly and burdensome license or other form of governmental approval before starting their business. The hearing will examine the proliferation of occupational licensing laws and the impact these have on entrepreneurial opportunities.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has any questions, please call Mark Ratto with the Committee at 202-225-5821.