

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6315

NOTICE OF HYBRID HEARING

September 14, 2022

10:00 A.M., Zoom/ 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development

FROM: Jared Golden, Chairman

DATE: Wednesday, September 7, 2022

The Committee on Small Business Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development will hold a hybrid hearing titled: “Right to Repair and What it Means for Entrepreneurs.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building**. Participating members can also join remotely via **Zoom**.

Many of today’s consumer electronics and automobiles have become increasingly more difficult to fix or maintain. Oftentimes, the diagnostic software and component parts necessary for repairs are not easily accessible. This may be a result of repair restrictions created by the manufacturers of these items. Not only does this result in massive amounts of electronic waste, but it inhibits opportunities for independent businesses to repair items, increases costs on consumers and small firms, and is inconvenient for individuals in rural areas. This hearing will examine the impacts of these types of restrictions on small businesses. Members will hear from experts and small businesses about practices that restrict repair, how those practices harm independent businesses, and what policy proposals exist to address them.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2022 through Zoom.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Matthew Bowman, Senior Professional Staff Member for the Committee.