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SUBJECT: The federal response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses in New York State.

PURPOSE: To discuss the current and future economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses, including farms, across New York State and whether the federal response is sufficient in relation to the disproportionate impact on the State and effective in targeting the businesses most in need.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020
10 a.m.

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New York State has the highest number of COVID-19 cases in the country, and as a result, small businesses statewide are facing dire economic conditions. Beginning March 12, the Governor issued a series of Executive Orders requiring non-essential workers and owners of businesses across the state to stay at home or practice strict social distancing to protect the public health. As a result of these restrictions, most small businesses have had to shut their doors or drastically reduce or modify operations, placing their continued existence and financial stability at risk. Even those considered essential, such as farms and grocery stores, have been severely impacted by declines in demand, supply chain interruptions and new production challenges due to new safety measures in the workplace. The federal government recently passed legislation that provides loans, which may be forgiven and converted to grants if conditions are met, for small business to maintain payroll and make up for other losses of income due to the pandemic. Additional provisions provide grants to farmers, including purchases of excess produce, dairy and meat to distribute to foodbanks.

The purpose of this hearing is for Committees to solicit feedback from the small business community and other stakeholders on the scope and implementation of the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, and whether the federal assistance provided was adequate and accessible for small businesses across the State.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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I have been invited to the public hearing concerning the federal response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses in New York State, and plan to present testimony. My statement will be limited to five minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise.

I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

I do not plan to attend the above hearing.

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