



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

EXPRESS YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT UNFAIR OR EXCESSIVE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES BY FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES.

REGULATORY FAIRNESS BOARD HEARING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004
8:30 AM TO NOON**

In Seattle, the hearing will be conducted before the Regulatory Fairness Board and National Ombudsman Barrera at the SBA Seattle District Office:

**1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1700
Corner of Sixth and University
Seattle, WA 98101-1128
www.sba.gov/wa/seattle**

In Spokane, the hearing will be video conferenced between Seattle and Spokane so that Inland NW small business owners can testify and hear from the National Ombudsman:

**SBA Spokane Branch Office
801 West Riverside Ave., Suite 240
Spokane, WA 99201 - 0901
www.sba.gov/wa/spokane**

If you are a small-business owner and believe you have been unfairly fined or penalized (e.g. excessive fines, inadequate information, and severe deadlines) by a federal government agency, READ ON.

The U.S. Small Business Administration will host a hearing moderated by SBA's National Ombudsman, *Michael L. Barrera*. Small businesses can testify about federal regulatory enforcement to congressional officials, regional fairness board members and Federal Regulatory agencies. This session is bilingual - Mandarin Chinese.

In 1996, Congress passed the Small Business Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). *This legislation empowers a national Small Business & Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to receive, substantiate and report to Congress complaints and comments from small business owners regarding unfair regulatory enforcement and compliance activities by federal agencies.*

TO TESTIFY:

IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON AN UNFAIR FEDERAL REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT ACTION OR WANT TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC HEARING, CONTACT:

Roger Hopkins, 206-553-7082 or e-mail: roger.hopkins@sba.gov

TO ATTEND:

Space is limited. Priority will be given first to testifiers, then registered existing small business owners. Please call to register.

In Seattle: 206-553-7082

In Spokane: 509-353-2800



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