



# Office of the National Ombudsman

## *Regulatory Fairness Hearing*

*Wednesday, March 9, 2016 | Salt Lake City, Utah*

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*A forum for members of the small business community to present testimony  
on federal regulations impacting small businesses.*

National Ombudsman Earl L. Gay will convene a regional regulatory fairness hearing to hear testimony from small business owners, representatives of trade associations, and other members of the small business community regarding federal regulations and enforcement and compliance actions impacting America's small businesses.

**SBA Region 8 Regulatory Fairness Board Members are: Peter Corroon and Alison Brown.**

The National Ombudsman convenes regulatory fairness hearings and roundtables across the country to give small business owners a means to comment on unfair enforcement actions, government audits, and excessive fines or regulations. It is anticipated that during this hearing small business stakeholders will testify on a number of wide-ranging issues. Issues reported by participants undergo a high-level fairness review at the appropriate federal agency, and the Office of the National Ombudsman works with its federal agency partners to address those concerns, reduce regulatory burdens, and help small businesses grow.

**WHERE: Salt Lake City Public Library  
210 East 400 South Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111**

**WHEN: Wednesday, March 9, 2016  
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. MST – Registration  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MST – Hearing**

Members of the small business community, trade organizations and media are encouraged to attend. RSVPs should be made to Yolanda Swift, SBA Deputy National Ombudsman at (202) 205-6918 or by email at [ombudsman@sba.gov](mailto:ombudsman@sba.gov) by March 3, 2016. Those wishing to testify must register and provide written statements in advance. Send all written testimony to [ombudsman@sba.gov](mailto:ombudsman@sba.gov). Anyone desiring confidentiality may request that his or her name not be released and may submit written testimony in lieu of a public appearance at the hearing. Those wishing to put testimony on the record on a confidential basis may do so by offering it in writing in advance and sending it to [ombudsman@sba.gov](mailto:ombudsman@sba.gov).

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