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**REP. COURTNEY TO HOST ‘ACCESS TO CAPITAL’  
SEMINAR FOR REGION’S SMALL BUSINESSES**

WASHINGTON, DC – In an effort to help Second Congressional District small businesses grow, Congressman Joe Courtney will host a seminar, **“Access to Capital”**, on **Monday, July 13 beginning from 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM**, to introduce the region’s small business owners to new sources of credit/loans and federal assistance and resources. The forum will take place at **Three Rivers Community College in Lecture Hall C101 located at 574 New London Turnpike in Norwich**. Congressman Courtney will offer introductory remarks at 8:00 AM.

The forum is being hosted in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region.

“In a tough economy, small businesses owners must have continued access to capital to maintain payrolls and invest in the growth of their businesses. A strong small business community means growth of our region’s economy, and I want to make sure that entrepreneurs have the information and resources they need to continue to serve as our communities’ economic engine,” stated Courtney.

The Federal Reserve’s Senior Loan Officer Survey found that 40 percent of domestic banks are tightening their credit standards to business. Yet, access to credit is one of small businesses’ biggest challenges because without it, businesses are twice as likely to fail.

The seminar will include the following three panels (panelists in parenthesis): Strategies for Securing a Loan in a Tight Credit Market (SCORE, CTCIC, and Chelsea Groton Bank); How the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act can Help Businesses Obtain Capital (U.S. Small Business Administration); and Find the Right Loan for You (U.S. Small Business Administration, seCTer, SBDC, and CEDF).

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