BRIEFING: Leveraging Investments in Latin America

The Role of Microfinance & Public-Private Sector Partnerships in Latin America

10am-11am, Wednesday, July 18th
Congressional Meeting Room North
Capitol Visitors Center

Dear Colleague:

In Latin America, an estimated 600 microfinance institutions have lent $12.3 billion to 10.5 million borrowers. Small loans averaging $1,200 have transformed low-income individuals -- particularly women -- across the hemisphere into microentrepreneurs contributing to their local and global economies. By harnessing the power of both public and private sector partners, microfinance institutions focus on funding strategic investments that move people out of poverty by building up local financial capacity and reducing dependence on foreign assistance.

I hope you will join me at 10am on Wednesday, July 18th to discuss the state of microfinance in Latin America and how strategic US assistance can yield a high return on taxpayer investment by promoting financial inclusion and economic security.

Panelists
Robert Kaplan,
President & CEO, Inter-American Foundation

Dr. Nancy Lee
General Manager, Multilateral Investment Fund
Inter-American Development Bank

Moderator
Curt Tarnoff
Specialist in Foreign Policy
Congressional Research Service

Leveraging Investments in Latin America is part of an on-going monthly briefing series I am hosting called *Latin America on the Rise*, which brings in a diversity of speakers to address emerging and emergent issues in the hemisphere. If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (caitie.whelan@mail.house.gov) in my office.

Sincerely,
SAM FARR
Member of Congress

Latin America on the Rise will take a break for August.