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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Senator Budd to Chair Senate Small Business  
Committee Field Hearing in Hendersonville to Discuss Helene Recovery**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Monday, September 22nd**, U.S. Senator Ted Budd (R-N.C.) will convene a field hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship titled ***“SBA’s Hurricane Helene Response: One Year Later.”*** The hearing will evaluate the Small Business Administration’s programs and efforts following Hurricane Helene, with witnesses representing Western North Carolina local government, small businesses, and business advocacy groups. The SBA will be represented by Associate Administrator from the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, Chris Stallings.

**WHAT:** The U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold a hearing titled *“SBA’s Hurricane Helene Response: One Year Later.”*

**WHO:** Senator Ted Budd (R-N.C.)

***Witnesses Include:***

Mr. Chris Stallings  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Rebecca K. McCall  
County Commissioner  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
Hendersonville, NC

The Honorable Peter O’Leary  
Owner, Bubba O’Leary’s General Store  
Mayor, Chimney Rock Village  
Chimney Rock, NC

Mr. David M. Jackson  
President and CEO  
Boone Area Chamber of Commerce  
Boone, NC

**WHEN:** Monday, September 22, 2025

**TIME:** 2:00 PM ET

**LIVESTREAM:** This hearing will be available to livestream [HERE](#).

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