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## Ryan takes message to capital

Christine Chin Ryan of Sandy will join a group of small business owners from across the country in Washington, D.C., where they will spend several days speaking about the needs of small businesses.

The group arrived in the nation's capital today, Sept. 12, beginning an itinerary that includes conversations with the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship Chairwoman Mary Landrieu, staffers from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's office, and other congressional representatives and White House officials.

Chin Ryan is joined by Mike Roach, owner of Portland's Palma Clothing. They are part of the Small Business Majority's network council — a group of small business owners from industries across the nation who volunteer time and entrepreneurial expertise to help Small Business Majority identify and address the biggest issues facing small businesses today.

The group of 14 entrepreneurs will spend three days in the Capitol discussing a host of



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issues important to small business owners including taxes, health-care reform, clean energy, access to capital, public lands and more.

"I plan on telling my representatives that most small business owners don't earn more than \$250,000, and that tax breaks for the rich don't help us," said Chin Ryan, president of Synergy Consulting Inc. "There is a lot of misinformation out there. Lawmakers need to hear from real small business owners about the policies we'd like to see coming out of Washington to help us succeed."

Chin Ryan, Roach and other members of Small Business Majority's network council also will meet with members of the U.S. Small Business Administration, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, the White House economic and business councils and others as time and schedules permit.