PRESS CALL: E-Verify Will Be a Lose-Lose for Workers, Business Owners, and Our Nation's Economy

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On Thursday the House Judiciary Committee will be marking up H.R. 2885, a bill to make E-Verify, the government's Internet-based system that checks whether prospective employees are authorized to work, mandatory for *all* employers in the United States. E-Verify is an immigration enforcement tool not suited for the job. It is an expensive government mandate that will cost the federal government more than $17 billion over 10 years at a time when Congress has been tasked with cutting our nation's deep deficit. Mandating E-Verify would also throw a wrench into our nation's engine of job creation—small businesses. Small businesses would suffer a $2.6 billion blow in order to implement this policy. Finally, U.S. citizens would be adversely impacted if the system were made mandatory. Estimates are that 770,000 Americans would lose their jobs because of E-Verify errors. This job-killing measure could not come at a worse time for the American people.

Please join expert analysts and an impacted U.S. citizen for a discussion of the policy, politics, and real-world implications of the mandatory E-Verify proposal.

Who:

- Jessica St. Pierre, U.S. citizen from Florida who lost her job
- Tyler Moran, Policy Director, National Immigration Law Center
- Daniel Griswold, Director, Center for Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute

Moderated by:

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Additional resources:

- The 10 Numbers You Need to Know About E-Verify: What It Will Cost Employers, Employees,

- [and Taxpayers](#) by Philip E. Wolgin
- [Seen and (Mostly) Unseen: The True Costs of E-Verify](#) by Philip E. Wolgin

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