Engaging with policymakers is important to promoting an environment conducive to technology entrepreneurship, but the federal government can be an intimidating behemoth, making it hard to figure out where to start. This guide provides basics to orient you to key institutions within the federal government and relevant actors for a specific policy area.

**Key Institutions and Points of Contact:**

**Executive Branch**
- [Contact](#) the Office of the President of the United States
- To submit comments to a federal agency, visit the [Federal Register](#) (alerts can be set by issue area or agency)

**Congress**
- Main Switchboard - (202) 224-3121

**House of Representatives:**
- [Find](#) your Representative here
- Speaker of the House: Rep. Nancy Pelosi
- Minority Leader: Rep. Kevin McCarthy
- [Find](#) a House Committee
- [Find](#) the House Committee Schedule (including hearings and markups)

**U.S. Senate:**
- [Find](#) your Senator here
- Senate Majority Leader: Sen. Charles Schumer
- Senate Minority Leader: Sen. Mitch McConnell
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**Policy Area: Capital Access Policy**

**Relevant Committees**

**House Financial Services Committee:**
- Chair: Maxine Waters; Ranking Member: Patrick McHenry
- Jurisdiction: Financial services, including aid to commerce and industry, and securities and exchanges

**House Small Business Committee:**
- Chair: Nydia Velazquez; Ranking Member: Blaine Luetkemeyer
- Jurisdiction: Small business issues, including Small Business Administration (SBA) oversight

**House Ways and Means Committee:**
- Chair: Richard Neal; Ranking Member: Kevin Brady
- Jurisdiction: Tax and trade policy

**Relevant Agencies**

**Small Business Administration:**
- Administers small business loans or grants, has a direct hand in funding startups
- Engages in rulemaking for emergency loan programs, like PPP

**Securities and Exchange Commission:**
- Regulator of capital markets
- Engages in rulemaking, including for Regulation Crowdfunding