

Dear Friend,

This week it seemed like everywhere you looked, there was more shocking news about the ongoing immigration crisis occurring at our southern border. And for good reason. As citizens of a border state, we are affected by this disaster more than anyone else. The decisions our elected leaders make will have massive consequences that echo throughout Arizona. I am encouraged by all of the comments that I heard from constituents throughout the district on Facebook and Twitter, as well as phone calls, letters and emails sent to my office. I am confident that as long as the citizens of this country are engaged on the important issues, we will always be able to hold our elected leaders accountable to the will of **WE THE PEOPLE**.

President Obama Finally Visited a Border State...

...to attend 3 Democrat campaign fundraisers. While in Texas this week, the President refused to witness the horrific conditions of migrant detention camps on the border claiming that he didn't want to go just for the photo op. While I find this hard to believe, the fact remains that the President still does not seem to understand the importance of securing our border.

The ongoing immigration disaster is not only a self-inflicted spectacle of federal incompetence, it is also a threat to our national security. U.S. terrorism experts have said "the border breakdown could be America's Achilles heel - providing an entry point for groups like ISIS." It is also inhumane to coddle illegal immigrants while ignoring the needs of our own people. It is immoral to open the borders and risk disease, rape and assault to these aliens by drug cartels by encouraging illegal immigrants to violate our sovereignty. This is exactly what the President has done.



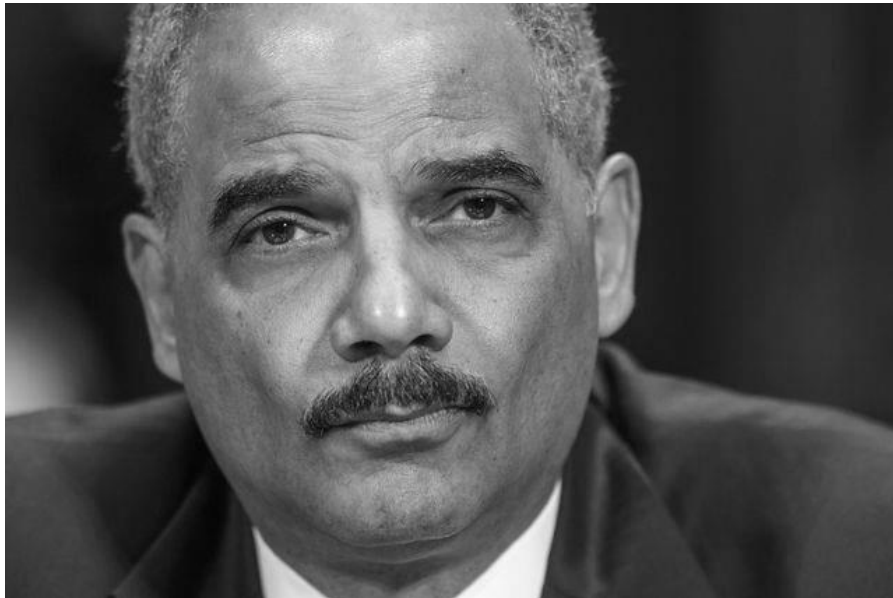
Protecting our borders must always be a top national priority. This administration must do more to secure the border before it is too late.

To help combat the threat of bribery and threats against border patrol agents, this week I signed on as a cosponsor to H.R. 4961, the Human Smuggling Prevention Act of 2014.

Among other things, H.R. 4961 allows for fines and imprisonment of up to 30 years for members of drug cartels and others who attempt to bribe U.S. and foreign government officials. I will continue to support and craft legislation that effectively seals our border and enforces our current immigration laws.

IRS Scandal Update

On Thursday, a federal judge ordered the IRS to explain under oath how Lois Lerner's emails "went missing". Attorney General Eric Holder has yet to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate this scandal. We have come to a point where our chief law enforcement officer is unwilling to enforce our laws. The American people deserve justice. It is time that Congress acts to remove him from office. If you agree, click the picture below to watch a video calling for Congress to act and remove Holder from office.



Watch: A Broken Oath

Two Amendments Passed This Week Targeting Wasteful Spending

This week, the House continued the annual process of appropriating federal funds to various government agencies and departments. If you are a frequent reader of my eNewsletters then you will already know that throughout my career in

Congress, I have focused on cutting waste, fraud and abuse out of the federal government budget. This week, I successfully passed two amendments to the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY2015. My amendments will limit the size and scope of the Department of Energy and the Bureau of Reclamation.

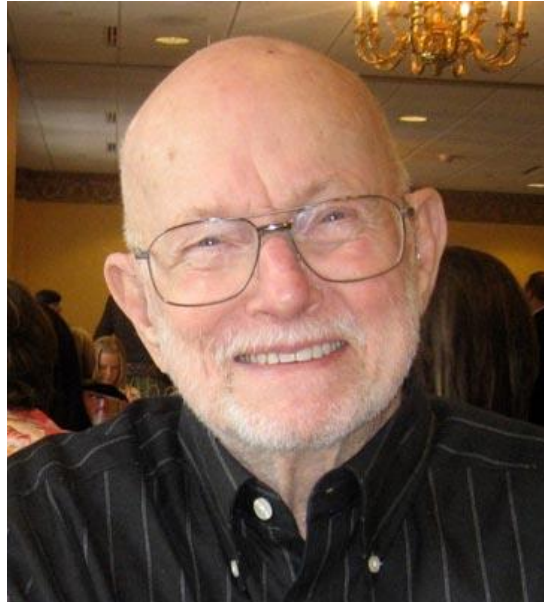
Amendment 1: Preventing funding for "Cash for Crappers": According to the House Committee on Natural Resources, the Bureau of Reclamation's own data shows that the Bureau of Reclamation has awarded a number of questionable grants for these toilet projects since 2005 totaling almost \$2 million. The federal expenditures spent on "toilet exchange programs" include a \$200,000 grant to San Francisco in 2007 and more than \$300,000 for Texas and California during 2011. For 2014, the agency has already issued funds to subsidize a nearly-million-dollar project for indoor water-efficient fixtures and toilet upgrades in California. Read more [HERE](#).



(image via Generation Opportunity)

Amendment 2: My second amendment will prevent the Department of Energy from using funds for a new climate change model development program. The amendment passed by a bipartisan vote of 226 to 194. The non-partisan Congressional Research Service estimates the Administration has spent almost \$77 billion from FY2008 through FY2013 studying and trying to develop global climate change regulations. President Obama requested \$29 million for the new Climate Model Development and Validation program in his fiscal year 2015 budget request. Read more [HERE](#).

Senate Passes Cam McKinley Vets Center Bill



I was thrilled to see the Senate quickly act to pass my legislation to recognize the distinguished life and career of Dr. Cam McKinley. My bill, H.R. 1216 will designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”. Dr. McKinley demonstrated extraordinary service both as a U.S. Marine and as a veteran advocate. Much of his career was spent as Chief Psychologist at the Prescott Veterans Affairs Hospital, a facility in which he played an integral role in having opened. Naming the Prescott Vet Center after Dr. McKinley will forever be a fitting testament to his commitment and dedication in helping his fellow veterans through his groundbreaking work treating post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The House of Representatives unanimously passed H.R. 1216 on June 17, 2014. My original press release can be found [HERE](#).

Honoring a Legacy of Peace

I was extremely grateful to speak on Wednesday at a ceremony honoring one of the great heroes of the 20th century, Raoul Wallenberg. During the dark days of the Holocaust, Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, saved the lives of tens of thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary by moving them into Swedish safe houses. The future generations of the lives Raoul saved during the Holocaust will remain as a living testament that one person CAN make a difference.



You can read more about Raoul Wallenberg receiving the Congressional Gold Medal [HERE](#).

Feedback Friday

In an effort to better engage with you, the constituents I serve, this past Friday I held a #FeedbackFriday on Twitter between 11:30am – 12:30pm MST. I want to thank everyone who participated in the conversation. I really enjoyed all of your questions. Next week I will do the same thing on Facebook for those of you who do not use Twitter. Keep an eye on my Facebook and Twitter pages for more information about what time I will be online next week.



Government Waste - Fact of the Week:

The Obamas have spent \$44,351,777.12 in taxpayer money on travel and vacations. Read more about it [HERE](#).

Coming Next Week: Military Monday

This coming Monday, July 14, I will begin a new feature on my Facebook page highlighting local service members and veterans from the 4th Congressional District.



I have heard so many incredible stories of sacrifice and service and now I want to share them with you. These heroes need to be recognized for their bravery and courage and I hope you will enjoy reading about them. If you know of a current or former member of the military that you would like to recognize for Military Monday, send me a message with their information at <http://gosar.house.gov/contact-me>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

WHEN: July 23 - July 27 2014
EVENT: 5th Annual Prescott Film Festival
TIME: More information at www.prescottfilmfestival.com
LOCATION: Yavapai College Performing Arts Center
1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ

WHEN: September 20, 2014
EVENT: Parker Fire Department Annual BBQ
TIME: 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Parker Fire Station
1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on Twitter [@repgosar](https://twitter.com/repgosar), or through [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RepGosar) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar". The signature is stylized and includes a small flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress