

Dear Friend,

The House of Representatives finished up a busy week before the August district work period. I am very much looking forward to being back home in Arizona and spending time with family, friends and constituents throughout the entire month of August and getting away from the politics of Washington D.C. I will be busy traveling throughout the district so please pay attention to the mark your calendar section of my eNewsletters. I hope to see you throughout this month.

But before I caught my flight west, the House stayed in session longer than expected to pass immigration legislation aimed at alleviating the border crisis at our Southern Border affecting all Arizonans. I have been extremely vocal in my opposition to give this President and his administration any opportunities to further expand his unconstitutional attempts at granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants. So let me make this clear:

**The United States Does NOT Need Comprehensive Immigration Reform that results in amnesty ...**

**...Only For the President to ENFORCE our Current Laws and for a couple minor tweaks to flawed policies that fail to secure the border**

I oppose amnesty in any form. I have been leading the charge in holding this Administration accountable for the ongoing crisis they created at our Southern border. I believe that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) needs to be terminated. As a result of this, I led the effort that caused two flawed immigration bills to be pulled from the House floor on Thursday and replaced with alternative bills on Friday. These new bills better addressed the direct problems at our border and included increased border security, expedited removal of illegal immigrants and additional funds for National Guard troops to be deployed to secure the border.

My constituents sent me to Washington to protect Americans from the disastrous efforts by the Obama Administration to grant amnesty to millions of immigrants flooding our border. I will continue to fight for LEGAL immigration and against the devastating consequences of failing to uphold our immigration laws.



## VA Reform Bill Passes House By a Vote of 420-5.

On Thursday this past week, Congress passed the **Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act**. This legislation will lead to significant reforms that will benefit our nation's heroes. Two-thirds of the spending from this bill is for a new private care option for our veterans. Qualifying veterans that can't see a doctor within 30 days or live more than 40 miles from a VA facility will now have the right to go outside the broken VA system and receive care from a private provider.



(Rep. Gosar meeting with Veterans at the Bob Stump VA Medical Center in Prescott, VA)

This may seem like a minor reform, but trust me... this is HUGE. This legislation puts the patient in charge of his or her healthcare decisions, not government bureaucrats. This is the remedy I see for all government provided health care. Give patients the choice of who they want to see and when, and then get the government out of the way. I would ultimately like to see a VA card that functions like an insurance card, and allows any veteran to receive the care they want and deserve. Allowing for our vets to receive care in the private sector will drive down prices, create competition and improve overall care. If the reforms enacted by H.R. 3230 work, we will see even better reforms down the road.

### **The Results are in!**

Earlier this year I sent a mailer to constituents. Almost 1,800 of you put a stamp on my survey and sent it back to me. I very much appreciate your

feedback. I have always said I need to hear from you. I get real ideas and opinions from you that I take back to D.C. and smack them in the head with. The best ideas come from people like you on the front lines. Not some bureaucrat in Washington.

So here are the results:

**DO YOU THINK CONGRESS SHOULD GRANT AMNESTY TO MILLIONS OF ILLEGAL ALIENS?**

86.3% said NO

13.7% said YES

**DO YOU FEEL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MISMANAGING ARIZONA'S PUBLIC LANDS?**

19.6% said NO

80.4% said YES

**SHOULD CONGRESS INCREASE YOUR TAXES OR REDUCE ITS SPENDING?**

13.6% said NO

86.4% said YES

**DO YOU APPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DOING?**

83.3% said NO

16.7% said YES

**DO YOU APPROVE OF THE JOB CONGRESSMAN GOSAR IS DOING?**

22.6% said NO

72.2% said YES

5.2% said UNDECIDED

Thank you for reading my mail and participating! It means a lot to me.

**Gosar Fish Hatchery Bill Passes Natural Resources Committee**

My Fish Hatchery Protection act passed the House Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 25-17. My commonsense legislation will protect vital recreational fishing industries that provide jobs and important revenues for rural communities throughout the country.

Mohave County Board of Supervisor Chairman Hildy Angius testified last week that if this legislation is not adopted, nearly 1,700 jobs in Mohave County and \$75 million in economic output associated with the Willow Beach Hatchery are at risk as a result of the Fish and Wildlife Service arbitrarily terminating the hatchery's rainbow trout stocking program.

Recent testimony heard from the Fish and Wildlife Service on the bill made clear that Service failed to hold a public comment period and did not consider job losses or associated economic impact before terminating important recreational fishing programs. Even Deputy Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Steve Guertin, admitted, "This was not our [the Fish and Wildlife Service's] finest hour."



(Rep. Gosar at the House Natural Resources Committee)

### **It's Time to Fire Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid**

I spoke at a protest on Tuesday of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the 333 bills passed in the House, including 43 jobs bills, that he refuses to bring up for a vote on the Senate floor.

Amongst these worthwhile pieces of legislation, is the **Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act** (H.R. 1526) which passed by the House back in September of 2013 with bipartisan support. This legislation will create more than 68,000 direct jobs, nearly 140,000 indirect jobs, improve local management and preventative care of our forests, and significantly reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

It's time for Harry Reid's do-nothing Senate to take action and pass H.R. 1526. I am sick of being a victim of catastrophic wildfires and sick of Harry Reid holding America hostage due to his failure to act. We need to [#FireHarryReid](#)

Click the picture below to watch video from the protest.



### **Government Waste - Fact of the Week:**

Summer time is a great time for families to take vacations to fun places. But should government officials use taxpayer money to travel to the Virgin Islands? Well, that's what happened last year when a task force investigating coral reef stayed in the St. Croix beachfront resort using your tax dollars. In return they have been awarded my [#WasteWednesday](#) - Waste of the Week.

[Read more:](#)

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/nov/21/golden-hammer-in-the-chill-of-november-coral-reef-/?page=all>



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

WHEN: August 15, 2014  
EVENT: Payson Staff Office Hours  
TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
LOCATION: Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin's Office  
610 East Highway 260  
Payson, AZ 85547

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,

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Member of Congress