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### Special eNewsletter from Congressman Gosar: Western Job Expansion

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Dear Friend,

I returned to Arizona last week to participate in the Western Jobs and Energy Town Hall on March 15 as well as a hearing at the Arizona State Capitol entitled “Washington Barriers to Prosperity and Property Rights in Arizona” on March 23. The town hall, hosted by the Prescott and Prescott Valley Chambers of Commerce, had a strong turnout, and my colleague Representative Steve Pearce (NM-02) and I were honored to join the discussion on establishing energy independence and creating jobs in the West. The hearing at the State Capitol, hosted by the Congressional Western Caucus and featuring Governor Brewer, covered how the Obama Administration’s over-regulations are costing jobs in Arizona and the West.



Left to Right: Arizona Delegates participate in hearing at the Arizona State Capitol

Members of the Western Caucus who participated in the hearing released the following statements:

“Whether it is through land grabs, proposed regulations, moratoriums on oil and gas production, or killing projects such as the Keystone XL pipeline, it is clear that this Administration either does not understand the potential of the West or just doesn’t care. Today, we heard from folks across Arizona who are fed up and frustrated by a federal government that is far too often an obstacle to realizing the American dream. Arizona, New Mexico and the rest of our country deserve better.”

**- U.S. Representative Steve Pearce (NM-02), Congressional Western Caucus Chairman**

“I am proud to lead the fight to restore common sense to our federal land management policies and put the residents of Arizona back to work. The Federal Government has caused endless bureaucratic delays, litigation and restrictions that lock-up the vast economic development and recreational opportunities Arizona’s public lands can provide, stifling economic growth and threatening the ability of the affected communities to provide basic services to their residents. Arizona is ready to lead the way in our nation’s economic recovery and energy independence. I encourage the President Obama to rein in his bureaucrats and get the government out of the way.”

**- U.S. Representative Paul Gosar (AZ-01)**

"I want to thank Governor Brewer and the other panelists who testified at our Congressional Western Caucus field hearing. Governor Brewer and the other participants did a great job shining a light on the Obama policies that have so harmed the economy and, subsequently, job creation in Arizona. Too many Arizona job creators are being burdened by federal regulations that hinder economic growth. These unnecessary regulations are particularly damaging for small business owners. In the midst of a prolonged recession, it amazes me that this Administration continues to relentlessly propose federal regulations that are redundant, harmful to small businesses, and that impede private sector investment and job creation."

**- U.S. Representative Trent Franks (AZ-02)**

“The American West, and Arizona in particular, has been hit hard by federal environmental and land regulations. The Congressional Western Caucus hearing provided a great opportunity to discuss the impact these regulations are having on our economy and way of life. We need to restore a proper balance between protecting the west’s natural beauty and our economic and energy needs.”

**- U.S. Representative Ben Quayle (AZ-03)**

"Arizona has unique issues facing our state that many in Washington don't always understand. Our water and land issues in the West are of key importance to our constituency, and I am glad that Governor Brewer and my colleagues in the Western caucus were able to meet to discuss some solutions to government overreach in the West."

- *U.S. Representative David Schweikert (AZ-05)*

### **Additional Witnesses at the Hearing Included (Testimony Attached):**

Honorable Jan Brewer, Governor of Arizona

Buster Johnson, Chairman of Mohave County Board of Supervisors

### **Obama's War on Arizona Jobs**

Recently the Obama Administration celebrated the fact that the national unemployment rate remains at 8.3 percent. Arizona's unemployment rate remains above the national average at 8.7 percent. Many of our rural counties suffer from unemployment rates that exceed 10 percent. The status quo is not praise worthy. We can do better.

Arizona has strong and innovative leaders. Working together, we have found a number of solutions that will put Arizonans back to work. Arizona can be a national model for economic recovery driven by sustainable resource development. That is, when bureaucrats are not killing our job creating solutions with unnecessary regulations...[read more here](#).

### **Congressman Gosar Congressional Western Caucus Weekly Address**

I recently presented the Congressional Western Caucus Weekly Video Address to discuss President Obama and his administration's war on Arizona jobs.

"Though blessed with natural resources, rural Arizona suffers from high unemployment. Arizona however is a state with strong and innovative leaders in our local and business communities. Working together, we have found a number of job creating solutions that will put Arizonians back to work..." [see the whole address here](#).

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](#), or through my Facebook page at [Paul Gosar on Facebook](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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