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Dear Friend,

I can't believe 2013 has come to a close. The year flew by.

Although it had its ups and downs, last year was very productive.

In 2013, the House of Representatives voted to repeal and replace ObamaCare, reign in the executive branch, and prevent wildfires, among many other accomplishments.

I want to share some of the highlights with you.

### **Scrapping ObamaCare**

We did more than you may realize to scrap ObamaCare. The media will have you believe we did not make any real progress but it's simply not true. We made 15 major changes. Seven different bills were signed into law that directly repealed or rescinded funding from at least eight different Obamacare provisions. While this is not the end of the story, it gets us closer to our ultimate goal of full repeal. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the changes Congress made.

Conservatives recognize that patient-centered reforms rooted in free markets are the best way to lower costs and solve problems in our health care system. That is why I joined a group of my Republican colleagues last year to bring forward a pragmatic, practical and portable free-market alternative to the current health care system, the American Health Care Reform Act.



(Rep. Gosar speaks at a press conference unveiling the bill, September 18, 2013)

The bill fully repeals ObamaCare, spurs competition by allowing Americans to purchase health insurance across state lines, reforms medical malpractice laws, provides tax reform that allows families and individuals to deduct health care costs, expands access to Health Savings Accounts, and safeguards individuals with pre-existing conditions from being discriminated against. Simply put, our bill is a better way forward. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the American Health Care Reform Act.

### **The Broken Promise**

Americans from Arizona to Alaska, California to Connecticut have lost their current health-care plans despite the President's repeated promise: "if you like your plan, you can keep it." Whether folks have lost their plans due to cancellation, premium spikes or a shrinking health-provider network, what Americans are learning now is something the administration has known all along.



For too long, this darker side of the Affordable Care Act was hidden from Congress and the American people. As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (OGR), I was proud to participate in an OGR hearing in Apache Junction on December 6. This hearing offered me an opportunity to hear testimony directly from my constituents about how ObamaCare is affecting them. I knew before the hearing that ObamaCare was a terrible law, and the witnesses who testified proved that. For example, Juli Dalton from Prescott told us about how she will face a monthly premium increase of \$800. As a result, her family might have to sell their home and cars and may not be able to afford the travel to visit her elderly father.

This law is a trainwreck full of broken promises. It is increasing health care costs and interfering with the doctor-patient relationship. ObamaCare must be repealed and, most importantly, REPLACED.

### **The Short-Cut King**

Last year, I reintroduced my Resolution of No Confidence in Attorney General Eric Holder. The resolution states “that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress has lost confidence in the Attorney General of the United States and thereby requests his immediate resignation.” It currently has 139 cosponsors.



(Rep. Gosar's op-ed in *The Washington Times*, July 25, 2013)

I will continue calling for Mr. Holder's resignation until he steps down. Then, it is my hope that President Obama will appoint someone who will help restore trust in our justice system. Click [HERE](#) to read my op-ed in *The Washington Times* about Attorney General Holder's flagrant abuse of power through the Justice Department.

### **Holding the Feds Accountable**

More than 550 people showed up in Mesa on August 22 to attend the Congressional Field Hearing I held with fellow Arizona Congressmen Franks (AZ-08), Salmon (AZ-05) and Schweikert (AZ-06) concerning IRS abuse and EPA overreach. It is important, now more than ever, that we hold the federal government responsible for its invasive actions against its citizens, our state and our local governments.

Actions taken by activist bureaucrats are increasingly egregious. Arizonans across the state are furious about the abuse and overreach they see coming out of Washington. It's time to rein the federal government back into its constitutional role.



(Rep. Gosar speaks to the media after the hearing, August 22, 2013)

By working together, our government can again be "of the people, by the people

and for the people." Click [HERE](#) to read more about the hearing in *The Arizona Republic*.

### **Creating Arizona Jobs**

One of my top priorities remains my bipartisan jobs bill, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act. It facilitates a federal land exchange that will open the third-largest undeveloped copper resource in the world, located near Superior, Arizona. Last year it passed through the House Natural Resources Committee and awaits action by the full House of Representatives.



(Rep. Gosar rallies thousands to fight for jobs, October 29, 2013)

This legislation would create more than 3,700 local jobs, generate approximately \$61.4 billion in economic activity and supply 25 percent or more of the nation's domestic copper demand. I am optimistic this legislation will be enacted this year.

### **Congress Can Help Prevent Wildfires**

When it comes to wildfires, recent years have proven devastating to Arizona and many of the western states. The tragic Yarnell Hill Fire, which claimed the lives of 19 elite Hotshot firefighters, is still a fresh and painful wound throughout Arizona. Fires in other western states like Colorado's Black Forest wildfire and California's Rim Fire also caused great destruction.

We must ensure that we are doing everything we can to prevent future tragedies.



(Memorial service in Prescott for the 19 fallen Hotshot firefighters, July 9, 2013)

My bipartisan wildfire prevention legislation, the Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act, passed the House last year as part of a larger forest health package and the Senate has already held a hearing on it. The bill eliminates red tape, streamlines wildfire-prevention projects, improves local coordination and brings more accountability to the process. It will expedite the review and approval process for thinning and grazing projects, so that wildfire-prevention projects can move forward quickly when the public is at risk. It also gets the government out of the way and empowers the private sector to create rural jobs by resurrecting the timber industry, as loggers thin millions of acres of overgrown forests.

I'm optimistic the President will sign forest health legislation into law this year that will help prevent destructive wildfires as well as stimulate our rural economies.

### **Honoring Those Who Served Us**

Arizona's Fourth District is home to many brave men and women who served our nation in the Armed Forces. One of my top priorities is ensuring they receive the benefits they earned through their honorable service.



(Rep. Gosar presenting a flag flown over the US Capitol to honor veterans at the Margaret T. Morris Center in Prescott, December 19, 2013. Photo courtesy of the Prescott Daily Courier)

Last year I supported a number of bills to help Veterans and their families, including the American Heroes COLA Act and the Veterans Economic Opportunity Act. I also voted to improve the processing of disability claims by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which will make great strides in reducing the current VA backlog.

America's brave men and women who serve in the military deserve our utmost respect and appreciation. They risked their families, their comforts, and their lives in order to protect the freedoms of their fellow countrymen. For that sacrifice I am eternally grateful and will continue to support veterans legislation.

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 [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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