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Dear Friend,

This week I voted to hold Lois Lerner in contempt of Congress. She acted with reckless disregard for the constitutional rights of United States citizens while working at the IRS. As John Adams said, "facts are stubborn things." The facts establish that Mrs. Lerner had a blatant disregard for basic civil liberties and used a government agency to harass, target, intimidate and threaten lawful, honest citizens. This smells like the worst form of authoritarianism. Click HERE or on the picture below to watch my statement prior to the contempt vote.



President Obama erroneously claimed that there isn't even a 'smidgen of corruption' in the IRS targeting scandal, and yet a trail of emails prove otherwise. Further, Mrs. Lerner is still refusing to testify on the grounds that she fears criminal prosecution. She should. She lied to Congress. She abused her position. She violated the rights of Americans. She tried to harm the electoral process and intimidate voters. Click HERE to read more.

Cutting Waste

My effort to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse continued this week. After learning that NASA is purported to be spending \$3 million to teach employees how to lobby Congress, I led a legislative effort to prohibit the executive branch from using funds in such a way. With the federal government's \$17-trillion-plus debt, the last thing we need to be doing is spending money to teach bureaucrats how to lobby for even more spending. Click HERE to read a *Breitbart* article about my

effort.

Balancing the Budget

I voted in favor of the Ryan Budget on Thursday. One of my top priorities is getting our nation back on a fiscally sustainable path by cutting spending and balancing the budget. Although I would have preferred to see it adhere to the spending caps put in place by the sequester, this budget cuts spending by \$5.2 trillion and balances the budget in 10 years. It also repeals ObamaCare, expands onshore and offshore energy development, and institutes a work requirement for most welfare benefits.

This budget is a step toward bringing our nation back from the brink of insolvency and setting it on a path to prosperity. I was sent to Washington to change the direction of this country and, even though it isn't perfect, this budget turns our nation back toward fiscal security and economic growth. Click <u>HERE</u> to read more.

Protecting the Role of States

On Wednesday, I successfully amended a bill in the Natural Resources Committee to require coordination between the federal government and the states concerning wildlife management on lands adjacent to military installations. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that states have an active role in determing natural resources and wildlife management policies for lands within their borders. It prevents military installations from implementing by fiat new wildlife and natural resources management plans that contradict states' management objectives. Click HERE to read more.

War on Youth

One of the highlights of my week was meeting with Generation Opportunity, a group that advocates for millenials. We talked about the Obama administration's war on youth and how federal policies, such as ObamaCare and our massive debt, disproportionately affect them. One of the reasons why I love this group is the great content they produce, such as their Creepy Uncle Sam videos. You can watch those videos by clicking <u>HERE</u> and <u>HERE</u>.



(Rep. Gosar with, from left to right, Evan Feinberg, Luke Kenwothy, and Nathan

Fighting for Veterans

We found out this week that as many as 40 veterans died waiting to receive care at the Phoenix VA Hospital. Allegedly, the VA kept two sets of records in order to conceal the length of wait times. This is completely unacceptable and I will monitor this closely. Situations such as these are why I co-sponsored H.R.4031, which will hold officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable for this type of malfeasance. Our veterans have done so much to protect us and secure our rights. The least we can do for them now is ensure they receive the quality health care they earned.

Speaking with Entrepreneurs

I held two Small Business Fridays yesterday, one in Prescott Valley and one in Prescott. I was happy to see so many smiling faces at both of these events. From ObamaCare to the massive federal debt, we discussed all the major issues facing small business owners and entrepreneurs. These are the businesses that drive our economy, so it's vital that the federal government get out of their way.



(Rep. Gosar speaking to constituents at Sally B's in Prescott Valley, April 22, 2014)

Downwinders Field Hearing

As I told you last week, I will hold a Downwinders field hearing this Monday, April 14, 2014 in Kingman. As a reminder, Downwinders are people who developed cancer due to radiation exposure from U.S. nuclear weapons testing in the 1950s and 1960s. At the hearing, we will discuss the history of nuclear weapons testing in Nevada and the bill that I introduced to make all affected residents of Mohave County eligible for benefits. Currently, only the part of Mohave County north of the Grand Canyon is eligible. You can find the details of the hearing in the "Mark Your Calendar" section below or by clicking HERE. If you cannot be at the hearing in person, you will be able to watch it on Monday live online by clicking HERE. You can also read my op-ed in the Kingman Daily Miner about the Downwinders by clicking HERE.

2014 Easter Card Competition Winners

On Tuesday, I announced the winners of the 2014 Easter Card Competition, which was open to children 13-years-old and younger. Members of Poston Butte High School's student council judged the competition.

Entrants were broken up into two age groups for the purpose of judging: seven and younger and eight and older. The winners are as follows:

Seven and younger:

First Place - Daisy Solis Esquer of Bullhead City Second Place - Franky Sandoval of Yuma Third Place - Harmony Flanigan of Yuma

Eight and older:

First Place - Aiden Jensen of Yuma Second Place - James Triggs of Prescott Valley Third Place - Marissa Bell of Prescott Valley

These are some very talented young artists, and you can view their pieces of art by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Also, don't forget to vote in the People's Choice portion of the competition. You can vote by clicking <u>HERE</u> and liking your favorite card. (You must have a Facebook account to vote.) Voting ends next Friday, April 18 at noon.

Government Waste of the Week

\$7.8 million: the cost of Department of Justice officials' personal flights on government jets. Click <u>HERE</u> to read more in *The Washington Post*.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

On June 29, 1994 in Lake Havasu City, the thermometer reached a toasty 128 degrees, Arizona's hottest-ever recorded temperature.



(Photo courtesy gotwaterrentals.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, April 14, 2014

Downwinders Field Hearing

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

LOCATION: Mohave County Board of Supervisors Auditorium

700 W Beale St Kingman, AZ 86402

Click **HERE** to view the event flyer.

Tuesday, April 15th, 2014

Tax Day Town Hall

TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM

LOCATION: Golden Shores Civic Association

13136 S Golden Shores Pkwy

Topock, AZ 86436

Click **HERE** to view the flyer.

Friday, April 18th, 2014

San Tan Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 3:00PM-4:30PM

LOCATION: The Daily Bread Bistro

5618 East Skyline Drive San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 Click HERE to view the flyer.

Saturday, April 19, 2014

Adopt A Highway Cleanup

*NOTE: Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance, but a member of his staff will be.

TIME: 2:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: Highway 89 Mile Marker Post 326 to 327

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Click **HERE** to view the event flyer.

Park and meet at the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, 175 E Road 2 South,

Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

Space is Limited. RSVP to Jeremiah Cota at Jeremiah.Cota@mail.house.gov .

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Cottonwood Staff Office Hours

NOTE: Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance, but a member of his staff will be.

TIME: 12:00PM-2:00PM

LOCATION: Cottonwood Fire Department

191 S. 6th St.

Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Click **HERE** to view the flyer.

Congressional Art Competition

DEADLINE: April 23, 2014

Click **HERE** to learn more about the competition.

Monday, May 5, 2014

San Tan Valley Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: Rep. Gosar's San Tan Valley Office

270 E Hunt Highway, Suite 12 San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

Click **HERE** to view the event flyer.

Monday, May 12, 2014

Prescott Office Hours

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION: Rep. Gosar's Prescott Office

122 N Cortez St, Suite 104

Prescott, AZ 86301

Click **HERE** to view the event flyer.

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.

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