



Dear friend,

This past week over 150 million Americans will have sent the Internal Revenue Service their tax returns. And chances are you probably agree with the vast majority of those people who believe our outdated tax code is too complicated, too costly and enforced by a corrupt IRS. If you disagree and think Americans need to pay more taxes... you can stop reading now.

Just this past year, over 3,300 pages of legal guidance were added to IRS.gov for Obamacare alone. And the breakdown doesn't make things any simpler: 1,077 pages on regulations, 1,377 pages on Treasury decisions, 669 pages on notices, 100 pages on revenue procedures and 12 pages on revenue rulings. This brings the total amount of pages in the U.S. tax code to over 70,000. To put that in perspective, the Guinness World Record for longest novel belongs to a French book with 3,031 pages.

Even worse, U.S. taxpayers and businesses spend about 7.6 billion hours a year complying with the filing requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. And that doesn't even include the millions of additional hours that taxpayers must spend responding to an IRS notice or audit. I don't believe that you should need an accounting degree or a textbook to be able to understand what you are paying and why.

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I was a small business owner for 25 years and have experienced firsthand significant burdens associated with our complicated tax code. We need tax reform in the sense of not just rewriting numerous provisions, but also by simplifying the tax code and getting rid of loopholes that favor special interest groups.

That is why I am proud to have supported commonsense solutions that the House of Representatives acted on this week to provide relief to all taxpayers and to crack down on the corruption at the IRS:

**The Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act** will protect taxpayers by giving them a set of basic rights for confidentiality, quality and a fair appeals process.

**The Prevent Targeting at the IRS Act** protects innocent Americans from being unfairly targeted by the IRS based on their political beliefs. Anyone convicted of such targeting should be immediately fired and this important reform allows for such dismissals to take place.

**The IRS Email Transparency Act** prevents any IRS employee from using a personal email account to conduct official work. We have seen from Hillary Clinton and Lois Lerner how easy it can be to hide from the American people and this legislation restores real accountability.

**The Taxpayer Knowledge of IRS Investigations Act** gives taxpayers the right to know the status of any investigations that are ongoing and protects any confidential or personal information from being released to outside groups.

There is nothing responsible about the monster our government has grown into today and there is nothing limited about the control federal bureaucrats have over nearly aspect of our lives. The verdict is in- Our federal government has violated the authority granted to it by we the people- It is the role of Congress to rein in this overreach.

## Shining a Light on Costly Energy Regulations



Do you believe that you should have the right to know how much environmental policies are costing you on your electrical bills? I sure do. That is why this past week, I introduced a bill that requires federal agencies active in the wholesale power business to disclose the costs of environmental compliance to their customers. For far too long, the high cost of burdensome federal environmental policies has been hidden from the public. That needs to end NOW. When empowered with all the relevant information and given a choice between extremist environmental policies and renewable energy sources, I am confident that Americans will play a bigger role in choosing the best course for our energy future. Click [HERE](#) to read more about my bill, H.R. 1869, the Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act.

## Standing Up for Prescott Veterans



The recent decision to suspend the aviation program at Yavapai College may have unfairly put some veteran students on the chopping block. There are veterans who were accepted to this program and uprooted their lives to move to Prescott under the assumption that they were going to pursue an aviation degree. If there are veterans being punished through no fault of their own, then it is the responsibility of the VA to clearly justify its rationale and explain how this decision serves the best interests of our nation's heroes. To read more about the actions I am taking to stand up for our veterans click [HERE](#). To read a recent article from the Prescott Daily Courier, click [HERE](#).

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## First 100 Days in the 114th Congress

I have laid a strong legislative foundation so far this year by introducing 10 bills that promote commonsense solutions addressing issues that are important to YOU.

**CONGRESSMAN PAUL GOSAR**  
ARIZONA'S 4TH DISTRICT

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**LEGISLATION INTRODUCED**

 <b>H.R. 494</b> COMPETITIVE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM ACT	 <b>H.R. 594</b> WATERS OF THE US REGULATORY PROTECTION ACT
 <b>H.R. 751</b> BRINGING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE ACT	 <b>H.CON.RES.26</b> COMPACT FOR A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT
 <b>H.R. 1107</b> BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TRANSPARENCY ACT	 <b>H.R. 1443</b> GRAND CANYON BISON MANAGEMENT ACT
 <b>H.R. 924</b> RESPONSIBILITY IN FEDERAL CONTRACTING ACT	 <b>H.R. 1677</b> DENTAL INSURANCE FAIRNESS ACT
 <b>H.R. 1612</b> INTERMOUNTAIN WEST CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT ACT	 <b>H.R. 1869</b> ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COST TRANSPARENCY ACT

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But Arizonans know that results are what matter and my work won't be done until these bills are signed into law. Last year, I was the most effective member in Congress with 6 bills and 12 other legislative initiatives signed into law, so I have high expectations for myself and expect the people of Arizona to hold me accountable. You can read the full text and explanation of each bill at my website by clicking [HERE](#).

**This Week's Military Monday: A Story of Service, Sacrifice and Love**



For the very first time, this week's [#MilitaryMonday](#) featured a veteran couple, Jim and Helen Shellenberger of Lake Havasu City, who both served in the Navy during World War II. Click [HERE](#) to read their incredible story of service, sacrifice and love.

**Next Stop on my Solutions Tour: PARKER ARIZONA – TOMORROW NIGHT**

Coming soon to a town near you!

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PARKER, AZ - Monday April 20th  
5:30-6:30 PM  
La Paz County Board of Supervisors Room  
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The next stop on my [Solutions Tour](#) is TOMORROW NIGHT in Parker, Arizona. We will be meeting at the La Paz County Board of Supervisors room starting at 5:30 PM. To learn more about my Solutions Tour and how you can be part of the conversation, click [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 Facebook at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

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

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