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Dear Friend,

I led several efforts this week to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse within the bloated federal bureaucracy. Specifically, I wrote five letters to the Committee on Appropriations requesting that they target precise areas of waste and abuse that occurred previously in order to prohibit their reoccurrence.

For starters, members of Congress shouldn't be able to fly first class on the taxpayer's dime, which is why the first [letter](#) I wrote this week requested that loophole be closed. It's absolutely wasteful and completely unacceptable that members of Congress - servants of the people - are currently allowed to fly first class using hard-earned taxpayer money, especially at a time when our ballooning national debt threatens the fiscal security of generations to come. Click [HERE](#) to read more in *The Hill*, click [HERE](#) to read more in *TownHall*, and click [HERE](#) to read more in *US News & World Report*.

The second [letter](#) I wrote this week dealt with scrims, which are large canvases that cover scaffolding in order to hide ongoing repair work on buildings. The language in that letter would prohibit federal funds from being used for scrims with wasteful and unnecessary photos printed on them. The Supreme Court's façade was recently repaired and a scrim with a life-size photograph of the Court printed on it was wrapped around the scaffolding. Hard-working taxpayers paid \$139,000 total for that scrim, with \$37,000 alone going towards the printing of the full-size photographic image.



(The Supreme Court covered by a scrim on which a full-size photograph was printed to hide scaffolding; photo courtesy of posttrib.suntimes.com)

The language in my third [letter](#) would prohibit the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from giving bonuses to its senior executives. As of December 2013, almost 400,000 veterans were still trapped in the VA's backlog of claims older than 125 days. Some have been waiting to get their claims processed for years. Even though the VA has failed to process claims in a timely manner, senior executives have continued to receive bonuses. The VA should focus their efforts on services for our veterans and reducing the backlog, not rewarding under-performing bureaucrats.

One of my top priorities is eliminating waste, fraud and abuse within the bloated federal bureaucracy. The practice of good governance requires us to periodically evaluate federal programs so that we can make sure they are necessary, efficient and constitutional. You deserve accountability from your government and oversight on how it spends your money. That's why I've led these efforts this week and why I will continue to do so. Click [HERE](#) to read about my other efforts to cut waste, fraud and abuse this week.

Fighting for Arizona Jobs

I also led an effort this week to bring 6,500 jobs to Arizona. I wrote a [letter](#) to Tesla's CEO, Elon Musk, asking that he locate the company's proposed Gigafactory in Arizona. Arizona's entire House delegation joined me in this letter. Such overwhelming bipartisan support by the Arizona delegation demonstrates that, when it's crucial to Arizona, the delegation can act as a team to get things done.

At every level of government, we've worked hard to create one of the best business environments in the country by removing obstacles that stifle job creation and economic growth. I will continue fighting to bring high-quality, good-paying jobs to Arizona. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

What's on the Horizon?

I enjoyed my interview with Ted Simons on Channel 8's Arizona Horizon on

Wednesday night. We discussed pressing issues in Congress, from cutting waste, fraud and abuse to the situation in Ukraine. Click [HERE](#) or below to watch it.

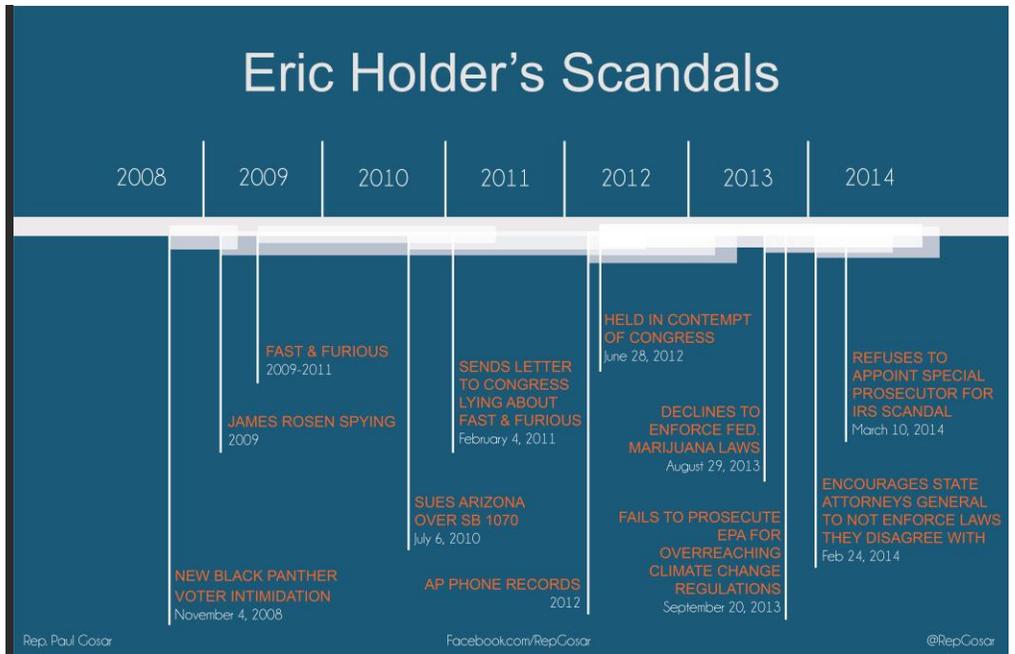


No Welfare for Weed

I wrote an op-ed this week for the *Prescott Daily Courier* about my new legislation, the No Welfare for Weed Act. People shouldn't be able to get high using hard-earned taxpayer money. The sole purpose of this bill is to prohibit marijuana from being purchased with federal welfare benefits. Federal welfare programs are meant to provide subsidies for food and other basic living essentials for the neediest families and this bill protects those programs so that they will be available for the people who actually need them. Click [HERE](#) to read the op-ed.

Long Past Time to Resign

From *Fast & Furious* to his speech telling state attorneys general not to enforce laws they disagree with, Attorney General Eric Holder's list of transgressions is long. It's long past time for him to resign.



Lawless Administration

The federal government is out of control. We have a lawless Justice Department and an Attorney General who is picking and choosing which laws he would like to enforce. Click [HERE](#) or below to watch my interview with Hank Giesecke on Patriot Network TV about this lawless administration.



Easter Card Competition

Here's a picture of the kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Kingman working on their Easter Cards. The deadline to turn in your children's cards is March 28th. Please contact Teresa Martinez from my office for details; her email address is teresa.martinez@mail.house.gov.



I've Been Busy

Here are a few pictures from events that I attended all over Arizona this past week.



(There was a great turnout at the Transportation and Infrastructure Forum on Wednesday, where we discussed state and national infrastructure challenges, March 19, 2014)



(I had a great discussion Wednesday morning with Rep. Todd Rokita of Indiana, Bas Aja, Kevin Rogers, Anthony Smith, Cheryl Lombard and Lyn White, March 19, 2014)



(I enjoyed visiting Salt River Materials Group on Tuesday. I had a great meeting with President and CEO Roger Smith and Jeff Hearne, Vice President of Quality Assurance, March 18, 2014)

Government Waste of the Week

\$17.5 million: the amount of business tax deductions claimed by Nevada brothels.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

At 1,237 square miles, Santa Cruz County is the smallest of Arizona's 15 counties. It's still larger, however, than 72 countries.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, March 31, 2014

Black Canyon City Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM
LOCATION: 35050 S Old Black Canyon Highway
Black Canyon City, AZ 85324
Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Friday, April 11, 2014

Prescott Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 8:00AM-9:30AM
LOCATION: Sally B's Café
7680 E. Highway 69
Prescott Valley, AZ 85314
Click [HERE](#) to view the event 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.

Friday, April 11, 2014

Paulden Town Hall

TIME: 6:00pm-7:30pm
LOCATION: Paulden Area Community Organization
24050 Marblehead Ave
Paulden, AZ 86334
Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

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.

This hearing will focus on expanding eligibility for benefits under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to all residents of Mohave County affected by downwind radioactive contamination, also known as "Downwinders." The "Downwinder" category currently includes all of Yavapai, Gila, Apache, Navajo, and Coconino Counties, but only parts of Mohave County.

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TIME: 3:00PM-4:30PM
LOCATION: The Daily Bread Bistro
5618 East Skyline Drive
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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.

Congressional Art Competition

DEADLINE: April 23, 2014

The annual Congressional Art Competition is upon us. The competition is open to all high school students from the Fourth Congressional District. The First Place winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. for an awards banquet and will have his or her artwork displayed in the US Capitol Complex for one year. Other awards include college scholarships. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the competition.

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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