



## Farm Forum and Freedom

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Dear Friend,

This week my office hosted a "Farm Forum" in Casa Grande to discuss the future of Arizona agriculture. The public, local officials, small business owners and Arizona farmers voiced their concerns about the major agricultural issues and regulations impacting our state.



Many local farmers and state officials provided solutions at Congressman Gosar's Farm Forum

I wanted to share with you what some attendees said about Arizona agriculture.

"Farming is often treated like a hobby-it's not a hobby- it's an industry. Cotton farms bring in 500,000 dollars per square mile into Pinal County's economy. AG money is the basis for rural American communities."

- Tiffany Shedd, Cotton Farmer in Eloy,

AZ

"We can't tax our way out of the debt crisis, we can't cut our way out... and we can't grow our way out unless we reduce the regulatory burden on small businesses."

- Bas Aja, Arizona Cattlemen's

Association

Thank you to everyone who came to this event to share their experiences and solutions. My office and I are here to help you fight through the increasing red tape and regulations that are tying up Arizona families and businesses. Together we can find solutions to the problems that face our country.

### **Moving Toward Patient Centered Care**

Last weekend, I was interviewed by Martie Whittekin of Healthy by Nature Radio on the need to repeal and replace the government takeover of healthcare (known as Obamacare) with a patient centered and patient friendly healthcare system.



Please click above to listen to Congressman Gosar's interview with Martie Whittekin.

Obamacare is a tax—a tax burden. The ledgers on exploding costs are already showing this to be true. I will not rest until this excessive and wasteful tax is repealed.

### **Touring HPR Ammunition**

This past Wednesday, I had a great tour of HPR Ammunition in Payson. For businesses in Arizona, it is vital that burdensome regulations and taxes do not hurt our nation's job creators.



"She is Hanging Proudly" An American Flag at HPR Ammunition in Payson.

I will continue to fight for your right to carry and defend yourself. Furthermore, I will continue to advocate for a flatter, fairer tax code to provide certainty to American job creators.

**Remembering Navajo Code Talker George Smith**

My thoughts and prayers are with the Navajo Nation and the family of Navajo Code Talker George Smith, who passed away [on Tuesday](#).



The Navajo Code Talkers played a crucial role to ensure victory in the Pacific theater of WWII. To read more please [click here](#).

We have lost a true hero. Thank you to Mr. Smith and all of the Navajo Code Talkers for your bravery, commitment and sacrifice.

### **Helping our Fellow Americans Recover from Sandy**

Hurricane Sandy has destroyed many townships and communities across the East Coast. I wanted to provide you with some ways that we can come together as neighbors to help our fellow Americans recover from this catastrophe.



We can all do our part to help recover from Hurricane Sandy.  
Photo credit Brian Motzenbecker-[Red Bank, NJ](#) .

### **Blood Donations:**

You can donate blood by scheduling a donation appointment in your area. For more information, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Food & Shelter Support:

[The Red Cross](#) and the [Salvation Army](#) are providing emergency shelter and meals for evacuees of Hurricane Sandy. Visit their websites to find out how you can volunteer to help support.

Donate Emergency Supplies:

[AmeriCares](#), [Catholic Charities USA](#), [Direct Relief International](#), [Feeding America](#) and [Operation Blessing International](#) are all organizations providing medical supplies, food and other necessary items to people impacted by the hurricane.

If you have friends or family that are Veterans and in need of assistance, visit <http://veterans.house.gov/HurricaneSandy> for resources available to them.

Thank you to the local officials, first responders and volunteers. I ask that we all keep those impacted by the hurricane close to our hearts. Together, we will recover.

#### **Following Congressman Gosar on Flickr**

Lastly, I just wanted to remind you that on the website Flickr you can view photos of my events and visits from around our great state. I currently have over 500 photos. I invite you to take a look at the photos from my most recent events [by clicking 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,

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

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

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