

Congressman Paul A. Gosar

Floor Speech—MilCon/VA Appropriations Act

Sinema Amendment Transferring Funds from General Administration Account to Inspector General Account

Madam Chair, I move to strike the last word.

[The Gentleman from Arizona is recognized]

Madam Chair,

I rise today in support of this amendment, which seeks to redirect funds from the General Administration account to the Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General's Office.

As a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I am a firm believer in oversight of the federal government.

The more sunlight on federal activity, the more honest and efficient it will be.

I also am a strong proponent of our Inspector General community.

Since the Inspector General Act was passed into law, the IG community has saved taxpayers billions of dollars and has uncovered countless examples of wrongdoing in the federal government.

These allegations about the Phoenix VA Health Care System are troubling, but I am a firm believer in the rule of law.

These investigations must be completed in order for us to have answers.

The answers from the IG report will yield both improvements to VA processes, and hold accountable anyone who has done any harm.

I support this amendment because I support a timely, but thorough, resolution to the investigation.

Let us give the IG's Office the resources it needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support passage of this commonsense amendment, and with that Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.