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The IRS: Targeting Americans For Their Political Belief

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Dear Friend,

It's time to fight back against the IRS' bully tactics. If the IRS can target and discriminate against one group of Americans, it can do it to anyone. This is unacceptable. We must restrict the power of government and hold those that break the rule of law accountable.

This is why I introduced the IRS Anti-Abuse Act (H.R 2025). This legislation makes it illegal to discriminate against organizations and individuals based on political affiliation and ideology. It also makes it a fireable offense.



(Rep. Gosar speaks with Tea Party members at a rally in front of the IRS building in Washington, D.C., May 21, 2013)

On Wednesday, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, held a hearing to investigate the IRS' targeting of conservative groups. Officials in t

administration continue to offer excuses and half-truths for what has developed into a disturbing trend.

I will relentlessly pursue the truth and hold those guilty of gross incompetence accountable. Click [HERE](#) or the video below to watch my questioning during the hearing:



After the hearing, I spoke with Sean Hannity about an IRS official's decision to plead the Fifth Amendment. Click [HERE](#) or listen below to hear my interview:



I also spoke with Brian and Larry of WMAL-Washington in regards to the astounding irony of the IRS violating the First Amendment yet their officials plead the Fifth Amendment. Click [HERE](#) or listen below to hear my interview:



Lower Energy Costs, More Energy Sources, and More Jobs

During this down economy, when many are out of work and struggling to make ends meet, job creation should be a top priority for Congress. The Keystone XL pipeline would undoubtedly create jobs for Americans at a time when our country needs them most.

In addition, we need more energy sources in our country and lower energy costs for Americans. It's time to get government out of the way and allow the private sector to build the Keystone XL Pipeline.



(The delayed Keystone Pipeline in pieces in Arkansas.
Photo Credit: Congressman Tim Griffin)

This week, I voted in favor of the Northern Route Approval Act (H.R. 3) which passed the House of Representatives. This legislation approves the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

The Real Cost of Regulation

Bureaucrats rush to regulate; often not realizing or caring about the actual cost to consumers. Through transparency, we can discover the real cost of regulations and ensure we properly balance economic growth and environmental quality.

So this week, I introduced The Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2013 (H.R. 2162). This legislation provides transparency by reporting the related costs incurred by electricity consumers as a result of environmental

regulations.

Remembering Those Who Fought for Our Freedom

This Memorial Day, as we gather with friends and family around barbecues and pools, we must never forget that freedom does not come free. To the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Services, or continue to wear the uniform, I honor and thank you. I also thank the loyal and supportive family members who stand with pride and unwavering support for their loved ones in the military. Click [HERE](#) or below to watch my Memorial Day message.



This Memorial Day we honor all of those, past and present, who have served our nation in the Armed Services and sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Arizona's Outdoors Provides Many Benefits

Spring is here and this is great news for those who enjoy the outdoors. Without question, Arizona is home to some the most astounding natural treasures in the world — landscapes that take your breath away. Nearly everyone has their own special place to walk, hike, hunt, fish or float down a river. Protecting our ability to access these public lands and waterways in Arizona does more than protect our quality of life. It grows our economy. Click [HERE](#) to read my op-ed in the Payson Roundup on the many benefits our outdoors provides.

Protecting Your Privacy From Big Government

Also this week, I signed on to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. Introduced by fellow Arizonan Rep. Matt Salmon, the bill would increase the privacy and protection of personal emails. This bill addresses the privacy concerns raised from the recent position by the IRS that the Fourth Amendment does not protect the privacy of personal emails. Unlike some IRS officials, I believe in all parts of the Constitution.

Obamacare Malady of the Week

A majority of Americans disprove of Obamacare. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Mark Your Calendar

Goodwill of Central Arizona Yuma Career Fair

I will be joined by a leading Arizona nonprofit, Goodwill of Central Arizona, on Wednesday, May 29th for a career fair at the Yuma Civic Center in Yuma from 9:00am- 2:00pm. You can view the flyer [HERE](#) and a video invitation to the event below or [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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