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Checking in with the Latest Updates from Washington, D.C.

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Dear Friend,

From contempt charges to voting for energy legislation that creates jobs and eases prices for American families—it has been a busy and exciting week in Washington.

Congressman Gosar Cosponsors “No Budget, No Pay Act”



I was proud to cosponsor the "No Budget, No Pay Act" to hold members of Congress accountable

Earlier this week I cosponsored the No Budget, No Pay Act ([H.R. 3643](#)) which states that if members do not pass a concurrent budget resolution and all 12 annual spending bills before the start of the fiscal year, they will not receive their official salaries. As a dentist and small business owner, I know that if an employee does not do their job, he or she does not get paid. Members of Congress were elected to do a job, and the same rule should apply to us if we can't get that job done. [Please click here to read my full statement.](#)

Congressman Gosar Votes to Get Big Government Out of The Way



The federal government needs to get out of the way

Earlier this week I voted for the Conservation and Economic Growth Act (H.R.2588), a package of 14 Natural Resources Committee bills that will create new American jobs, grow the economy, and protect the environment. Each of these bills has one thing in common: they get the Federal Government out of the way of Arizona's families and businesses. I represent rural Arizona and over the past year I have met with thousands of people in the district who have asked me to stop the unnecessary government intervention in their lives. [Please click here to keep reading.](#)

Congressman Gosar Votes to Tap Nation's Full Energy Potential

On Thursday, I voted in favor of the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act (H.R. 4480), which included seven bills that would address the high energy costs hurting American families by investing in domestic energy, and creating thousands of jobs.



Video: Dicussing the Domestic [Energy and Jobs Act](#) on the

House floor.

People throughout Arizona and across the nation are suffering the effects of our poor economy. Electric bills and gasoline prices are increasing as we enter the heat of the summer. Over 13 million Americans are still without work. Our constituents are counting on us to not just talk a big game, but instead to take action. Please click [here to view my full statement](#).

The Upcoming Supreme Court Decisions: Protecting Worker Choice and Patiently Waiting for Obamacare and Arizona Immigration



We are still waiting for the Obamacare and S.B. 1070 Supreme Court decisions

Supreme Court Decision Released This Past Thursday: Protecting Worker Choice

This week the Supreme Court ruled in *Knox v Service Employees International Union* to protect employees from paying special union fees that would be spent for political purposes without first giving the employees information about the fee and a chance to object to it.

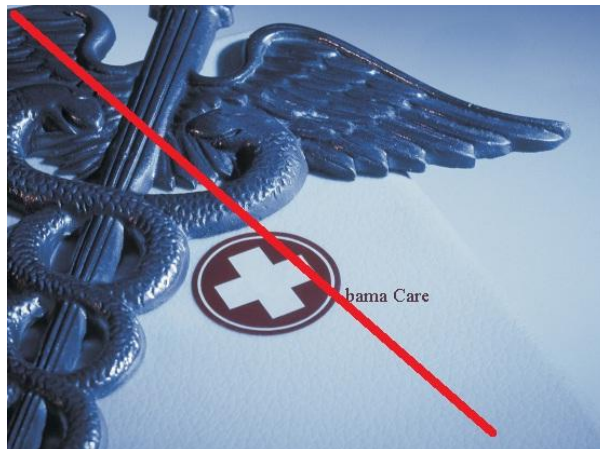
I was glad to see the Supreme Court rule in favor of worker choice. It is bad enough that workers in some states do not have a choice about whether or not to belong to a union – but at the very least, those workers should not be subject to surprise fees and “special assessments” that are intended for political activity. I could not agree more with the Court majority opinion that these union tricks are [a violation of First Amendment rights](#).



Have you been forced to donate time or money to partisan union politics you [oppose](#)?

As a reminder, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform launched ProtectingOurWorkers.com to listen directly to American union workers about forced political contributions. If someone you know has been forced to donate time or money to partisan union politics they oppose, please tell me by clicking the link above.

Pending Cases: Obamacare and Arizona Immigration



I have always believed the best care comes locally, and not from the heavy hand of the federal Government. I hope Obamacare is struck down

The president's health care law is making things worse by driving up health costs and making it harder for small businesses to hire workers. The only way to fix things is by repealing ObamaCare in its entirety.

"Here is a checklist of [the 10 worst things that will be left in the law](#) if the Supreme Court voids only the individual and Medicaid mandates".

Arizona Must Do What the Federal Government Refuses to Do



I am confident that the U.S. Supreme Court will uphold Arizona's rights to protect its citizens and law enforcement officers

In the fight to secure our borders, the federal government has abandoned Arizona and its citizens, leaving our families and communities to suffer the consequences of illegal immigration. That is why I have been an avid supporter of the Arizona immigration law, the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act (S.B. 1070), since it was introduced.

Arizona was forced to fend for itself and enforce the laws already on the books because the federal government refused to. I fully support legal and lawful immigration, but we should not reward bad behavior and violations of the law. SB 1070 reflects that approach. We are patiently waiting for the Supreme Court's decision. However, I am confident that the U.S. Supreme Court will uphold Arizona's rights to protect its citizens and law enforcement officers.

To see a complete summary of the Supreme Court decisions made this week and the remaining cases please [click here](#).

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Wildfire Prevention

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Congressman Gosar Leads Charge to Better Fight Forest Fires



Reforming Federal Forest Health Policy

Our forests and natural resources are a way of life in Arizona. The First Congressional District alone is home to over 37 million acres of land administered by the federal government, including over nine million acres of United States Forest Service administered lands. That acreage includes much of Coconino, Apache-Sitgreaves, Tonto, Prescott, and Kaibab National Forests.

Congressman Gosar launched a new site page on his website dedicated to wildfire news and prevention.

I recently added a [Wildfire Prevention page](#) to my House website. There you will find the latest forest health policy news and wildfire information from Arizona. Together we can stay informed to improve our forests and prevent future disasters.

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.