

Dear Friend,

The House was back in session this week and while I'd prefer the Arizona sun to the humid D.C. climate, there was much work to be done in our nation's capitol. Arizona has recently been in the spotlight for multiple issues making national news so I want to thank all of the engaged constituents who have contacted my office with your perspectives. I count on you to be my eyes and ears on these critical issues affecting our state.

### **House Acts to Quickly Help Clear VA Backlog**

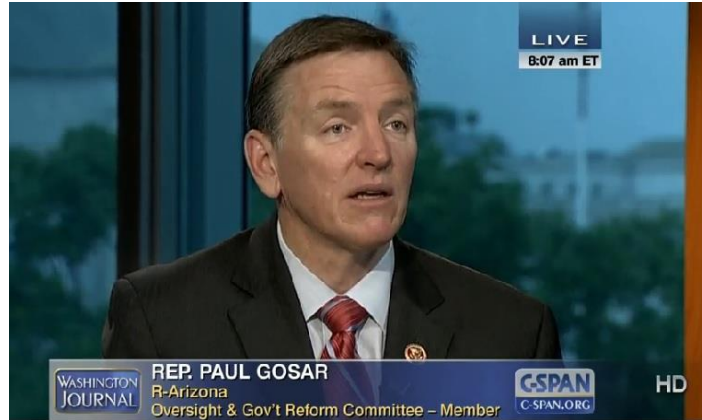
I have heard from an overwhelming number of veterans over the past month about immediate changes needed with the VA. The message I am hearing loud and clear is this:

**"Let us get the care we want, where we want it!"**

I could not agree more, and our veterans have earned the highest level of medical care available. I have long believed that patient choice and competition would have in part prevented many of the problems with the VA. Veterans should have the right to choose their doctors. Choice brings out competition and competition would have, at least in part, reduced or eliminated delays as doctors competed for veteran business.

We have learned that there are thousands of veterans who need medical help right now. That is why this week the House of Representatives passed [the Veterans Access to Care Act \(H.R. 4810\)](#) of which I am a cosponsor. In an incredible act of bipartisanship, the vote for this bill was unanimously supported by all members of Congress, Republican and Democrat. This bill allows veterans who have been waiting for care access private non-Department medical facilities across the country.

This legislation comes after shocking results from a nationwide audit of veteran's access to care. In the report released on Monday, the Inspector General of the VA reported he discovered premeditated corruption was rampant amongst high-level supervisors within the Department. In many facilities, VA staff said they felt threatened and coerced to submit false data, while whistleblowers were disciplined for not complying with this unethical cover up. It is difficult to imagine anyone working for the VA believing that these actions were morally or legally acceptable. I spoke about these issues on C-SPAN's Washington Journal this past Wednesday. You can watch the video [HERE](#).



(image via CSPAN.gov)

### **Upholding our Immigration Laws**

This week brought us more information on the lawlessness of the administration and Attorney General Eric Holder in regards to illegally transporting immigrants to Arizona cities. The administration continues to use taxpayer dollars to transport and house detained illegal immigrants flooding across our porous southern border. I am encouraged to see this egregious violation of the rule of law receive more national attention from major news outlets. Pictures of illegal immigrants being released into the public at bus stops as well as inhumane, overcrowded detention facilities are being broadcasted on the nightly news. The only way we can make our elected leaders uphold the rule of law is if the people of this nation are engaged in the issue and hold them accountable.



(Leaked pictures from immigrant housing facilities via [www.Breitbart.com](http://www.Breitbart.com))

Many of you who follow my actions in Congress know that I introduced [H.RES.35](#) at the beginning of the 113th Congress, which expresses no confidence in the Attorney General and calls for his immediate resignation. It is time that the members of the House and Senate let the public know with their votes, whether or not they support an Attorney

General who chooses not to enforce the laws our nation. Additionally, this week I signed on as a cosponsor of [H.RES.411](#) which calls for the impeachment of Eric Holder for his failure to enforce the laws of our nation. I went on the Laura Ingraham show this past Tuesday and discussed this issue in more detail. You can listen to the audio of that interview [HERE](#).

I will continue to push my colleagues in the House to take up a full investigation of the actions by multiple government agencies who are participating in this alien smuggling. On Friday, I called for the Administration to immediately terminate their flawed alien smuggling policy, respond to pointed questions about the operations, secure the border and stop giving amnesty to illegal aliens. Read more [HERE](#)

But I need your help. I need you to speak up and continue to contact your elected members of government and tell them that the foundation of our country begins to crumble when our President and Attorney General decide to pick and choose which laws they want to enforce. The integrity of our Constitutional Republic is at stake.

#### **Four Amendments Passed This Week Targeting Spending**

This week, the House continued the annual process of appropriating federal funds to various government agencies and departments. Throughout my entire career in Congress, I have focused on cutting waste, fraud and abuse out of the federal government budget. I successfully passed four amendments to two separate appropriation bills. The amendments will limit the size and scope of The Department of Housing and Urban Development (THUD) and the Department of Agriculture.

**Amendment 1:** "Stop Obama's Assault on the Suburbs". This amendment prevents the federal government from using funds to socially engineer our neighborhoods. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (THUD) was attempting to create a thinly veiled set of rules and regulations which would force communities to conform to the utopian dreams of an ideological administration or face losing out on billions of dollars in grant money. I spoke about this amendment on Tuesday in an interview with Fox Business Network. You can watch that interview [HERE](#).



(image via [www.foxbusiness.com](http://www.foxbusiness.com))

**Amendment 2:** This amendment prohibits funds for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Roadside Survey: This worthless road survey amounts to an invasion of privacy, a violation of the Fourth Amendment, and a dereliction of duty to protect the public. Last year's survey squandered almost \$8 million dollars of taxpayer money and did nothing to make our communities safer. Read more [HERE](#).

**Amendment 3:** This amendment cut funds from the wasteful and inefficient Office of the Chief Financial Officer at USDA and redirected those resources to the Department's Office of Inspector General to meet the budget request. This measure will ensure the IG has the resources to crack down on the widespread waste, fraud, and abuse within USDA. Read more [HERE](#).

**Amendment 4:** My final amendment that passed this week cut \$2.1 million in spending that Obama wanted to use to hire more government attorneys, many of which will be used to implement and defend the Administration's overreaching land grabs, water grabs, and climate change policies. I simply cannot, in good conscience, support funding to hire new government bureaucrats that will impose more overreaching federal regulations and infringe upon Arizona's Tenth Amendment right. Read more [HERE](#).

So far this year I have successfully passed a dozen amendments that have scaled back excessive government spending and fought federal overreach. Every week I receive hundreds of emails and calls from Arizonans telling me about some of the bloated government horror stories that they read in the news. Even with a [17.5 TRILLION DOLLAR NATIONAL DEBT](#), our government still cannot seem to recognize that we have a spending problem. These amendments are one way that we can fight back against an out of control government and I plan to continue listening to your comments and taking action.



### **Government Waste - Fact of the Week:**

\$35 million was reportedly paid out by Medicare to 118 "phantom" medical clinics that never even existed. Apparently these "phantom" medical clinics were established by a network of criminal gangs as a way to defraud the U.S. government.

### **Congressional District 4: Did You Know?**

The hottest day in the history of Arizona was recorded on August 11, 1983 at 2:21 p.m. was 132 F. - recorded in the shade at the Bullhead City Fire Department.



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

WHEN: Monday June 16

EVENT: Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Mixer for Topock66 Spa and Resort

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

LOCATOIN: 14999 Historic Route 66, Topock, AZ 86436

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, D.D.S." The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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