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A Step Forward

Dear Friend,

I was thrilled to learn of FEMA's decision this week to award a much-needed grant to the Yarnell Fire District, which will facilitate their ability to fight wildfires. Although we're still mourning the terrible losses suffered during the tragic Yarnell Hill Fire, our community must rebuild. The rebuilding process makes it necessary to recruit and hire firefighters, who will shoulder this particularly dangerous form of public service, and this grant will assist in these efforts.

For these reasons and more, I was proud to write FEMA in support of Yarnell's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant application. As the Yarnell Fire District battles dangerous wildfires on federal lands, it's only appropriate that they receive additional federal assistance. I will continue to support efforts that ensure our first responders have the resources necessary to accomplish their missions while also maintaining their safety. I'm truly grateful for all they do to keep our communities safe. Click [HERE](#) to read more. Click [HERE](#) to read an article concerning this grant on KTAR.com.



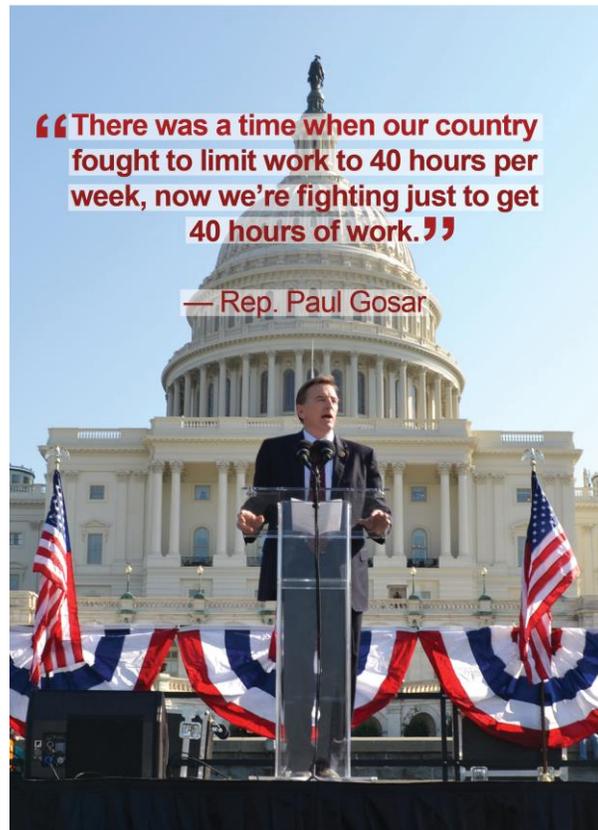
(Rep. Gosar observing the Yarnell Hill Fire before attending a memorial service

for the 19 fallen Granite Mountain Hotshots in Prescott, July 1, 2013)

Fighting for Work

On Thursday, I announced my co-sponsorship of the Save American Workers Act, which would repeal ObamaCare's new definition of full time employment as 30-hours and restore the traditional 40-hour definition.

The botched rollout of ObamaCare made clear this law is broken and needs to be repealed and replaced. ObamaCare reduces full-time employment hours, raises taxes, interferes with the fundamental doctor-patient relationship, causes premiums to skyrocket and eliminates health insurance plans that millions of Americans were promised they could keep.



Thanks to ObamaCare redefining the traditional work week as 30 hours, millions of Americans are losing income upon which they desperately depend. Single mothers, recent college graduates and low-income families are forced to pick up second jobs just to make ends meet. Ironically, changing the definition of full-time employment to 30-hours is forcing people to work more, not less, because they need multiple jobs.

There was a time when our country fought to limit work to 40 hours per week, now we're fighting just to get 40 hours of work. This legislation is simple; all it does is change the definition of a full-time work week back to 40 hours. Consequently, it allows hardworking Americans to keep more disposable income in their pockets and prevents them from being forced to take on another job just to make the equivalent amount that they made under a 40-hour work week. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

The Federal Government Gets an 'F'

Friday I announced my co-sponsorship of the Common Core Resolution, legislation that strongly denounces President Obama's attempt to coerce states into adopting Common Core by instituting preferences in federal grants and flexibility waivers.

As a father, I know that a good education is critical to every child's success. This is a key reason why I vehemently oppose national standards. One size doesn't fit all. Adopting national standards leads to national tests, which in turn lead to the establishment of a national curriculum and teachers simply teaching for the test. When it comes to running federal programs, the federal government gets an 'F,' making national standards a recipe for disaster. Involvement by the federal government in education only disrupts the fundamental relationship between students, parents and teachers. Bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. don't know the educational needs of students in Yuma, Buckeye or Kingman.

Furthermore, the Constitution is very clear: responsibilities not specifically granted to the federal government, or prohibited to the states, are left to the states and the people. In light of this, the federal government should not coerce states into adopting national standards. Education is most effectively handled at the local and state level by empowering teachers, parents, school boards and local communities to make decisions on education matters; this is the only constitutional way to deliver these services. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Government Waste of the Week

\$914,000: The amount the Popular Romance Project received from the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) since 2010 to “explore the fascinating, often contradictory origins and influences of popular romance as told in novels, films, comics, advice books, songs, and internet fan fiction, taking a global perspective—while looking back across time as far as the ancient Greeks.”

Congressional District 4: Did you Know?

The world's largest to-scale collection of miniature airplane models is housed at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's library in Prescott, Arizona.



(Photo Courtesy Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ATTENTION VETERANS

Saturday, March 1st, 2014

VA Benefits Drive

TIME: 9:00AM-2:00PM (AZ)

LOCATION: Buckeye Chamber of Commerce
508 E Monroe Ave
Buckeye, AZ 85326

DETAILS: The Buckeye Chamber of Commerce is holding a drive to sign up as many veterans as possible for VA benefits. This event is an effort to bring a VA medical facility to Buckeye by registering every veteran possible in the Buckeye Valley and beyond. Free breakfast will be provided at 8:00am. Please RSVP for breakfast by sending an email to cgrundy@buckeyeaz.gov. (An RSVP is needed for breakfast, but not for the drive itself.) In order to register for VA benefits, please bring your photo identification, your DD214, and your household income information. A VA Enrollment Specialist will be there to help veterans enroll.

Friday, March 7th, 2014

Small Business Friday

TIME: 9:00AM-10:00AM (AZ)

LOCATION: American Family Insurance
4252 N Verrado Way, STE B102
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Congressional Art Competition

DEADLINE: April 23, 2014

The annual Congressional Art Competition is upon us. The competition is open to all high school students from the Fourth Congressional District. The First Place winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. for an awards banquet and will have his or her artwork displayed in the US Capitol Complex for one year. Other awards include college scholarships. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the competition.

