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Dear Friend,

I was glad to be back in business this week after undergoing hip-replacement surgery last month. I was able to travel around District 4 and attend several events. My doctor hasn't cleared me to fly to Washington yet, but I hope to be well enough to fly soon.

On Sunday morning, I gave an interview to FOX and Friends Weekend regarding my new bill, the No Welfare for Weed Act. This bill is a no-brainer to me: people shouldn't be able to get high using hard-earned taxpayer money. Click [HERE](#) to watch the interview.



(Rep. Gosar preparing for the FOX and Friends Weekend interview, March 9, 2014)

On Monday, I met with the mayors of Prescott Valley, Dewey and Chino Valley. This was a great opportunity for me to hear directly from local leaders about how the federal government is hampering their communities. We discussed several issues, including the No Welfare for Weed Act and federal intrusion into local matters through job-killing overregulation and Common Core education standards.



(Rep. Gosar meeting with the mayors of Prescott Valley, Dewey and Chino Valley, March 10, 2014)

I also thoroughly enjoyed meeting the teams of two District 4 health care facilities: the Prescott DaVita Dialysis Center and the Payson Care Center. These state-of-the-art facilities provide comfort and care for people going through some tough physical challenges and the number of patients smiling during their treatment was extremely encouraging.

As a member of the GOP Doctors Caucus and a health care provider for 25 years, I understand that our health care system needs reform and I will work with my colleagues to pass health care legislation that encourages competition and patient choice. I am confident that Congress can lower health care costs and improve overall care if we pursue sound, common-sense policies.



(Rep. Gosar and Jason Norman, administrator of the Payson Care Center, March 10, 2014)

Expand Energy Production, Create Jobs

On Friday, I led the effort to send a letter, which was signed by 30 of my colleagues, to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources urging the subcommittee to hold a hearing on my energy and jobs bill, the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act.

Our nation's public lands will play a critical role in our country's energy future. The Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act will facilitate the expansion of renewable energy development, create jobs and preserve our

nation's natural treasures. Western states like Arizona contain millions of acres of public lands that are primed for economic development but bureaucracy stands in the way.

This legislation removes the bureaucratic barriers that prevent renewable energy, such as wind and solar, from being developed on public lands. By developing these energy resources we not only move toward energy independence but we also create jobs in some of the nation's most rural areas. I strongly support an all-of-the-above energy strategy and I urge the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources to schedule a hearing on this bill as soon as possible.

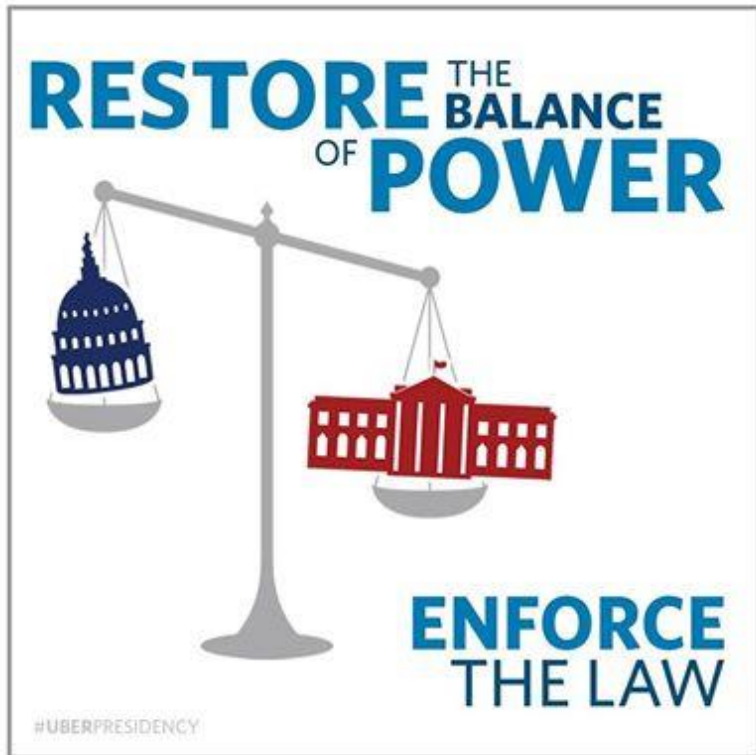
Demanding Action

I, along with several of my colleagues, sent a letter on Tuesday to Attorney General Eric Holder demanding that the Department of Justice take action against Backpage.com for its egregious role in promoting human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of minors. The website's mostly unchecked advertising is the leading online source for prostitution in the United States.

It's disgusting that Backpage.com has been allowed to serve as a hub for human trafficking and sexual exploitation. I call on the Justice Department to crack down on this heinous abuse and prosecute those responsible for these deplorable acts. The United States of America should be a place of freedom and hope, not one of oppression and despair propagated by human trafficking. Click [HERE](#) to read more and click [HERE](#) to view our letter.

Restore the Balance of Power

It's time to rein in executive overreach and restore the balance of power established by the Constitution. Just this past Thursday, President Obama signed another executive order that would affect thousands of businesses across the country, adding to his many unilateral changes to ObamaCare and end-runs around Congress. The Framers intended to prevent arbitrary rule, but the Obama Administration is pushing the limits of that fundamental constitutional principle.



Honoring a Small Business

Congratulations to Don and Lois Moore, proprietors of the Quartzsite General Store, on 41 years of success. The store's Western-themed storefront has been a mainstay of Quartzsite's Main Street for more than four decades, adding to the town's character and economy. The store could not have been successful without Don's and Lois's hard work and dedication. I recognized Mr. and Mrs. Moore with an entry into the *Congressional Record*, the official record of Congress. Click [HERE](#) to read an article about them in the *Quartzsite Times*.



(Don and Lois Moore in their store; photo courtesy of the *Quartzsite Times*.)

Government Waste of the Week

\$325,525: the cost of a government-funded study that concluded wives would be happier in their marriages if they could calm down sooner during a marital argument.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

Route 66's longest remaining intact stretch is between Selligman, AZ and Topock, AZ.



(Route 66 near Selligman; image courtesy of FromCornfieldsToOrangeGrovesOnRoute66.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 18th, 2014

Kingman Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM (AZ)

LOCATION: The Fourth Congressional District's Kingman Office
220 N 4th St

Kingman, AZ 86401

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

Thursday, March 20th, 2014

Payson Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: Office of Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin
610 E Highway 260

Payson, AZ 85547

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

Monday, March 31, 2014

Black Canyon City Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: 35050 S Old Black Canyon Highway
Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

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

Friday, April 11, 2014

Prescott Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 8:00AM-9:30AM

LOCATION: Sally B's Café
7680 E. Highway 69

Prescott Valley, AZ 85314
Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Friday, April 18th, 2014

San Tan Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 3:00PM-4:30PM

LOCATION: The Daily Bread Bistro

5618 East Skyline Drive

San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

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

Friday, April 11, 2014

Paulden Town Hall

TIME: 6:00pm-7:30pm

LOCATION: Paulden Area Community Organization

24050 Marblehead Ave

Paulden, AZ 86334

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

Monday, April 14, 2014

Downwinders Field Hearing

TIME: 10:00am-12:00pm

LOCATION: Mohave County Board of Supervisors Auditorium

700 W Beale St

Kingman, AZ 86402

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

This hearing will focus on expanding eligibility for benefits under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to all residents of Mohave County affected by downwind radioactive contamination, also known as "Downwinders." The "Downwinder" category currently includes all of Yavapai, Gila, Apache, Navajo, and Coconino Counties, but only parts of Mohave County.

Friday, April 18th, 2014

San Tan Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 3:00PM-4:30PM

LOCATION: The Daily Bread Bistro

5618 East Skyline Drive

San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

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

Monday, May 5, 2014

San Tan Valley Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: Rep. Gosar's San Tan Valley Office

270 E Hunt Highway, Suite 12

San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

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

Monday, May 12, 2014

Prescott Office Hours

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

LOCATION: Rep. Gosar's Prescott Office

122 N Cortez St, Suite 104

Prescott, AZ 86301

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.

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Each spring, a nation-wide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in our congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students from Arizona's 4th Congressional District.

RULES:

All entries must meet the following criteria:

- Two dimensional
- Not larger than 28"x28"x4"
- Not more than 15 pounds
- Be original in concept, design, and execution and not in violation of any US copyright laws

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Artwork may be:

- Paintings - including oil, acrylics, & watercolor
- Drawings - including pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, & markers
- Collage
- Prints - including lithographs, silkscreen, & block prints
- Mixed Media
- Computer Generated Art
- Photography
- *All entries must be original in concept, design & execution

AWARDS:

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.



Congressman Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Representing Arizona's Fourth Congressional District



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Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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