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Dear Friend,

**ObamaCare Must Be Repealed and Replaced**

On Friday, I hosted the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's field hearing in Apache Junction, where we listened to constituents tell us their ObamaCare nightmares. As a member of this Committee, I was honored that they chose to have this hearing in District 4. Rep. Darrell Issa (CA-49), Chairman of the Oversight Committee, and Reps. Trent Franks (AZ-08) and David Schweikert (AZ-06) also participated in the hearing.



(From left to right: Reps. Franks, Issa, Gosar and Schweikert, December 6, 2013)

This hearing offered me an opportunity to hear testimony directly from my constituents about how ObamaCare is affecting them. I knew before the hearing that ObamaCare was a terrible law, and the witnesses who testified proved that. For example, Juli Dalton from Prescott told us about how she will face a monthly premium increase of \$800. As a result, her family might have to sell their home and cars and may not be able to afford the travel to visit her elderly father. Dr. Montgomery, a veterinarian, told us that ObamaCare is restricting his access to healthcare and increasing his costs, forcing him to change retirement plans he has worked his entire career for.

This law is a trainwreck full of broken promises that is increasing health care costs and interfering with the doctor-patient relationship. ObamaCare must be

repealed and most importantly...REPLACED.



(Witnesses testify about how ObamaCare has hurt them, December 6, 2013)

I wish that every one of my constituents could have testified at this hearing, but the distance and the time commitments required in our everyday lives makes that impossible. I urge any Arizonan to submit their ObamaCare nightmare. It is important your story is heard as we continue our push to repeal and replace the Unaffordable Care Act. Click [HERE](#) or below to share your story.



### **Set Our Small Businesses Free**

On Wednesday, I voted in favor of the Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act, H.R.1105. Arizonans can never afford to have the federal government strangle businesses with red tape, but that is especially true now,

when so many families are out of work. This bill will eliminate excessive regulations, making it easier for small businesses to gain access to capital so they can grow and create new jobs. We must set our small businesses free so they can do what they do best: put Americans back to work. Click [HERE](#) to read my official statement on this bill.

### **Local Economies Are Not Political Pawns**

On Thursday, I introduced the Public Access to Public Land Guarantee Act of 2013 (H.R.3661), bipartisan legislation that would require the federal government to enter into an agreement with any state or municipality that offers non-federal funds to reopen and temporarily operate public lands (including national parks, national monuments and national recreation areas) during a government shutdown. If Congress retroactively appropriates funds, the Act would also require the federal government to refund the state or municipality. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the bill.

The communities in Arizona and across the country that rely on our national parks, forests and other federal lands as drivers of their local economies are not political pawns. My bill requires the federal government to work with willing municipalities and state governments to keep national parks open during shutdowns and to repay states and local governments if Congress retroactively allocates the funds.

### **One Step Closer to Getting Paid**

My new bill applies to any future federal government shutdowns, but the federal government still owes Arizona money for keeping Grand Canyon National Park open during the October 2013 shutdown. The federal government moved one step closer to paying that debt this week. On Wednesday, the Natural Resources Committee, of which I am a member, passed the Protecting States, Opening National Parks Act (H.R.3286), which would reimburse states that used their own funds to operate National Parks during the federal government shutdown. The bill is now waiting to be considered by the full House of Representatives. To read more about this bill, click [HERE](#).

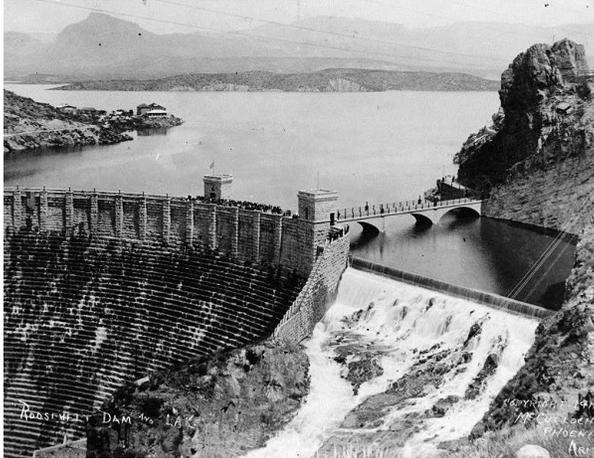
### **ObamaCare Malady of the Week**

47 percent: that's how much individual health insurance premiums will rise because of ObamaCare, according to eHealthinsurance.com. This rise in premiums is due to ObamaCare's requirement that all health insurance policies pay for certain categories of care, such as birth control. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

### **Did you Know?**

When Theodore Roosevelt Dam, which creates Roosevelt Lake, was finished in 1911, it was the largest masonry dam in the world at a height of 280 feet. It took just 4 years for the lake to fill, with the first spill-over occurring in 1915. A renovation and expansion project that fully encased the original dam in concrete and raised the height to 357 feet was completed in 1996, making the dam look

much different today.



(Theodore Roosevelt Dam and Lake in 1915. Photo courtesy of Wikipedia)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Monday, December 16, 2013

#### **Copper is Commerce**

Time: 3:00PM - 5:00PM (AZ)

Location: Arizona House of Representatives, House Hearing Room 3

1700 W. Washington St.

Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

#### **Parker Business Roundtable**

Time: 5:30PM - 7:30PM (AZ)

Location: Board of Supervisors Board Room

1108 Joshua Ave.

Parker, AZ 85344

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

#### **Coffee with the Congressman Lake Havasu City**

Time: 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Location: Makais Café

1425 McCulloch Blvd. N

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 (downstairs under Barley Brothers restaurant)

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

#### **Lake Havasu City Business Roundtable**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

The Bridge Room

1425 McCulloch Blvd. N

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 (under Shugrue's)

Thursday, December 19, 2013

#### **Coffee with the Congressman Bullhead City**

Time: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Location: Fire House Coffee Company  
2350 Miracle Mile  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442

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,



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Member of Congress

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