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WILDFIRE NEWS

Dear Friend,

This was my first week back in Washington after my hip-replacement surgery. My doctor gave me the go-ahead to fly, but I still have to do a bit of physical therapy.



(Rep. Gosar doing physical therapy in his Washington, D.C. office, March 26, 2014)

It was an extremely busy week in Washington. We voted on several important pieces of legislation and I also participated in a few key committee hearings.

Protecting Jobs and Preventing Waste

On Tuesday, I voted in favor of the Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act. This legislation would save coal mining jobs and prevent government waste by putting an end to the Obama Administration's efforts to develop new coal regulations that would destroy jobs and waste taxpayer money on a faulty rule-making process.

Mining is a vital industry in Arizona, as it is in many states throughout our nation. In Arizona, coal mining alone supports approximately 4,000 jobs. The loss of these jobs would devastate families in rural communities where mining is a prevalent part of the economy. The Obama Administration's love affair with unnecessary regulation is costing jobs and wasting hard-earned taxpayer money on the development of economically catastrophic regulations. It's time for the Administration to focus on creating jobs, not choking them off through burdensome regulations. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Giving You a Say

On Wednesday, I voted in favor of the Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act. This legislation would modify the Antiquities Act, which currently gives presidents the authority to unilaterally create National Monuments, to require public input before a president creates a National Monument.

National Monuments can be powerful symbols of our nation's historical and natural heritage. But presidents shouldn't have the authority to unilaterally create National Monuments by executive fiat. Public input should be sought first. It is, after all, the people living near these National Monuments who will be the most affected by their creation. These folks deserve a strong voice when it comes to what happens on federal lands near their communities. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Holding the IRS Accountable

The Oversight and Government Reform Committee, on which I serve, held an important hearing on Wednesday. We questioned the Commissioner of the IRS, John Koskinen, about the IRS's illegal targeting of conservative groups. I will continue to fight to hold the responsible IRS officials accountable. I won't stop until we discover the whole truth.

Shielding Jobs From Obama Regulations

During the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power hearing on Tuesday, the Acting Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation admitted that the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) is "critical." This frank admission comes as the Obama EPA is fixated on destroying the coal industry, including NGS. I will do everything I can to shield the "critical" work NGS performs from President

Obama's job-killing regulatory assault. Click [HERE](#) or below to watch my questioning of the Acting Commissioner and other witnesses.



Balance the Budget!

I also testified in front of the Budget Committee on Tuesday. I told the committee what I would like to see prioritized in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. First and foremost, we must balance our budget so that we aren't burdening future generations with even more debt. This starts by eliminating waste, fraud and abuse within the bloated federal bureaucracy. Click [HERE](#) or below to see my testimony.



Gaining Momentum

My efforts to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government are gaining momentum. On Wednesday, Katie Pavlich of *TownHall* appeared on Fox Business Network to talk about my effort to prohibit members of Congress from flying first class on the taxpayer's dime. Click [HERE](#) or below to watch the segment.



Rebuilding Our Trust Relationship

It was an honor to speak to the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) on Tuesday. We discussed Native American health issues, my jobs legislation - the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act - and a bill I'll be introducing that will help improve the United States' trust relationship with Native American tribes.



(Rep. Gosar speaking to MAST, March 25, 2014)

Religious Freedom Doesn't End at the Shop Door

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Tuesday concerning ObamaCare's contraceptive mandate. This mandate is yet another example of the federal

government overstepping its constitutional bounds. The government cannot impose a mandate on business owners that requires them to choose between their religion and their livelihood.

Americans' constitutional and God-given right to religious freedom doesn't end at the shop door; a business owner who believes that paying for contraceptives that can potentially put an end to human life is immoral shouldn't be forced to do so. I call on the Supreme Court to protect the sanctity of the First Amendment by striking down this appalling mandate. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Helping Downwinders

On Monday, April 14, I will hold a field hearing in Kingman that will focus on the "downwinders" of Mohave County. As you may know, downwinders are people who developed cancer due to radiation exposure from U.S. nuclear weapons testing in the 1950s and 1960s. We will discuss the history of nuclear weapons testing in Nevada and the bill that I introduced to make all affected residents of Mohave County eligible for benefits. Currently, only the part of Mohave County north of the Grand Canyon is eligible. You can find the details of the hearing in the "Mark Your Calendar" section below or by clicking [HERE](#).

It Was a Privilege

Yesterday, I was honored to present World War II veteran Jack D. Shippey with his lost dog tags. Mr. Shippey had donated his dog tags, among other items, to the museum at the Air Force's Non Commissioned Officers school in 1981. But, when the museum moved locations, his dog tags were lost. After eight years of searching for the missing dog tags to no avail, the Shippey family contacted my office for help and my staff worked with the museum curator to successfully locate and acquire Mr. Shippey's dog tags.

Like so many from the Greatest Generation, he served our nation honorably during World War II and then came home to start a family and build a life, including a successful career. Mr. Shippey exemplifies the qualities that make our nation great: loyalty, bravery, integrity and valor. He is a true American hero.



(Rep. Gosar shakes hands with Mr. Shippey after presenting him with his dog tags, March 28, 2014)



(Mr. Shippey, surrounded by family and friends, wears his dog tags, March 28, 2014)

Government Waste of the Week

\$32,000: the amount of taxpayer money a US Postal Service manager spent gambling with a government credit card. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

On March 18, 1939, Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, two leading actors during Hollywood's Golden Age, were married in Kingman.



(Clark Gable and Carole Lombard after their honeymoon)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Tuesday, April 15th, 2014

Golden Shores Town Hall

TIME: 6:30PM-8:30PM
LOCATION: Golden Shores Civic Association
13136 S Golden Shores Pkwy
Topock, AZ 86436
Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.

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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.

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.

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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