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The Obama Administration: Too Dangerous To Be Trusted

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Dear Friend,

We all know the power to tax is the power to destroy. We now know, after new scandals surrounding the IRS, that President Obama and members of his administration are out to destroy opposition through taxes and tax enforcement. We must fight back against this unrestrained government assault on the rule of law.

Just look at the scandals – the IRS [targeting groups for their political and religious beliefs](#), the Justice Department [secretly obtaining AP phone records](#), the cover-up and lies [surrounding Benghazi](#), and the government [providing guns to Mexican drug cartels](#). The threats to our liberties continue to increase.

But as a proud member, and the only congressional member from Arizona, on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, you can count on me to keep the administration's feet to the fire, because the public deserves transparency, accountability, and honesty.

IRS Targeting Conservative Groups

I was outraged to learn that the IRS had targeted conservative groups. Our government should not be targeting groups for their political or [religious beliefs](#). Further, it is absolutely unacceptable that the IRS official in charge of tax-exempt organizations at the time of Tea Party targeting [is now working at the IRS office handling Obamacare](#). I came to Washington to put an end to this abuse of power, and I will continue to push for answers and accountability.

The Department of Justice Secretly Obtains Phone Records

This week, it was also reported that Attorney General Holder's Department of Justice secretly obtained two months of telephone records of reporters and editors for The Associated Press. On one hand, I am encouraged to hear that the Attorney General obtained warrants first. Score one for the Fourth Amendment.

But I remain concerned about the First Amendment and the targeting of journalists.

Whether the Administration is targeting conservatives, patriots, Tea Party groups, Jewish groups or now journalists, the enemies list seems to grow as does the potential abuse of power.



In light of all these scandals (IRS, AP probe, Fast and Furious) Attorney General Eric Holder is conveniently uninvolved, once again. It seems he has become an Attorney General of convenience instead of an Attorney General of the law.

We Must Repeal Obamacare Now

Obamacare is terminally sick and we need to call the time of death. This week, I proudly voted to repeal what I believe is an still an unconstitutional law. Obamacare puts unelected bureaucrats between patients and doctors. Obamacare represents the single largest tax increase in history on an already over-taxed American public.

Obamacare costs jobs when we currently face a jobs crisis and it replaces choice with government control. Worst of all, Obamacare hurts the very people it was intended to help. Hardworking Americans need the right kind of healthcare reform that lowers costs, expands coverage, and improves quality of care.

Please watch more on my vote to repeal Obamacare [HERE](#) or by clicking on the video below.



Also this week, I joined fellow members of the GOP Doctors Caucus at a press conference on the disastrous law.



(Rep. Gosar demands a full repeal of Obamacare during a Congressional GOP Doctors Caucus press conference, May 16, 2013)

No More Money To Countries Hostile Toward Us

This week, I penned an op-ed that appeared in The Washington Times on my recently introduced legislation titled [The FAULT Act](#).

For far too long, we have sent money to countries in hopes that they will promote freedom, democracy and our common interests. Too often, the aid dollars that our government takes from hardworking Americans and sends abroad achieves none of those goals. The sad truth is that American taxpayers have been used to prop up regimes that do not respect freedom of religion, free speech, democracy or respect the rights of other countries to peacefully exist.

It is time Congress drove a harder bargain. To read my op-ed in its entirety please click [HERE](#).

Immigration Reform Starts With Border Security

Earlier this week, I joined my GOP colleagues at a press conference on immigration reform. To learn more about my stance, read my op-ed in the Arizona Republic [HERE](#) and click below to watch video from the press conference.



Major Arizona Jobs Bill Successfully Passes Committee

On Wednesday, my major jobs bill, The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 (H.R. 687), passed the House Natural Resources Committee with bi-partisan support. Introduced in February, this bill may now advance to a vote before the full House of Representatives.

This land exchange and conservation bill is the direct result of years of negotiations, an open process and a common vision amongst its supporters to bring good paying jobs to Arizona. I am very proud to have shepherded a final product that balances conservation and gets our economy growing again.



(Rep. Gosar delivers his opening statement on the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, May 16, 2013. Watch [HERE](#))

The full list of supporters, and their letters of support can be found [HERE](#).

Announcing the Winners of the Congressional Art Competition

I hosted the 2013 Congressional Art Contest Award Ceremony and Reception in Wickenburg, Arizona this past Saturday. Local high school students displayed their artwork for the public, and awards were presented for the winning pieces of art. The winner of the online, public contest known as the “People’s Art Choice

Awards” was also recognized with an award.

Luz Regalado from Salome High School won first place for her piece "Tiger," which will be on display in the Capitol for one year alongside winners from other congressional districts.



(Winner of the Congressional Art Competition: "Tiger" by Luz Regalado of Salome High School., May 11th, 2013)

Sierra Kimsey, from Prescott High School, was announced as the winner of the "People's Art Choice Awards" for "Grazing By The Sea." Kimsey's piece will be displayed for one year in my congressional office.

Congratulations to the winners and all of the participants in this year's contest.



Winner of the “People’s Art Choice Awards”: “Grazing by the Sea” by Sierra Kimsey of Prescott High School, May 11th 2013)

To view all of the artwork from this year’s competition, click [HERE](#).

Obamacare Malady of The Week



When it comes to healthcare, premiums are set to increase 100% under Obamacare. Read more [HERE](#).

MARK YOUR CALANDER

My staff will hold Social Security Office Hours in Payson on Tuesday, May 21st, 2013. Staff will answer questions and provide help with Social Security issues ranging from disability and retirement benefits to Medicare eligibility and more.

TUESDAY, MAY 21st, 2013

PAYSON SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE HOURS

TIME: 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

LOCATION: Rim Country Health

807 W. Longhorn Boulevard (Just west of the Habitat row houses)

Payson, AZ 85541

View a flyer for this event [HERE](#).

*Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance

Constituent Service Hours in Kingman

My staff will also hold Constituent Service Hours in Kingman on Tuesday, May 21st. Staff will answer questions and provide help with the Veterans Administration and veterans' benefits, social security, issues with federal agencies.

TUESDAY, MAY 21st, 2013

KINGMAN CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

TIME: 1:00p.m.- 4:00p.m.

LOCATION: 220 N. 4th Street

Kingman, Arizona 86401

For a flyer of this event click [HERE](#).

*Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance.

Goodwill of Central Arizona Yuma Career Fair

I will be joined by a leading Arizona nonprofit, Goodwill of Central Arizona, on Wednesday, May 29th for a career fair at the Yuma Civic Center in Yuma from 9:00am- 2:00pm. You can view the flyer [HERE](#) and a video invitation to the event below or [HERE](#).



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](https://twitter.com/repgosar), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

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