

Welcome to spending season...

We are now entering the time of year where the House of Representatives begins the annual process of deciding how much of your tax dollars go towards government spending. After speaking with countless Arizonans at town hall meetings throughout the state, I'm glad that many of you agree that the House must utilize our "**power of the purse**" to eliminate waste, fraud and to defund the overreaching policies of the Obama Administration.

In the past three years, I am proud to have successfully passed [51 amendments](#), **more than any other member of Congress**, during the appropriations process.

These amendments stopped **out-of-control federal spending**, blocked numerous **executive overreaches** from a lawless Obama Administration and provided **commonsense solutions** to expand economic opportunities for all Arizonans.

This year, I plan on furthering my reputation as the most effective member of Congress by continuing to deliver on **YOUR priorities**. Click on the headlines below to learn more about the action I took this past week:

▶ **Rep. Gosar Leads Bipartisan Charge to Protect Power Customers from Unnecessary Rate Increases**

▶ **Rep. Gosar Leads Bipartisan Secure Rural Schools Effort**

▶ **Rep. Gosar Continues Fight to Prohibit Government Travel Cards Being Used for Gambling and Strippers**

▶ **Rep. Gosar Leads Effort to Prevent Bonuses for Senior IRS Employees**

▶ **Rep. Gosar Continues Fight against Obama Takeover of Local Zoning Decisions**

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT TO REMOVE EPA ADMIN AT FLINT WATER HEARING

Not a single one of the actions taken by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy in the wake of the Flint water crisis proves she understood the seriousness of this catastrophe. We now know that EPA officials admitted in June of 2015 that Flint water had high levels of lead.

Shamefully, the EPA failed to warn residents of this imminent danger. This dishonesty is the latest in a long list of fraudulent behavior from a rogue agency beholden to no one. I first called for Administrator McCarthy to be impeached in September of last year for committing perjury and lying to Congress.

Her response to the crisis in Flint further proves that she has got to go. Click the picture below to watch me grill Gina McCarthy during a House Oversight Committee hearing last Thursday.



THE SENATE MUST BLOCK OBAMA'S SUPREME COURT NOMINEE

You reap what you sow Mr. President. Elections DO have consequences and the American people voted to take the Senate away from Democrats for this exact reason. While the president has the right to nominate a Supreme Court replacement, the Senate

has every right to not confirm a nominee... and that is exactly what they should and will do. Click [HERE](#) to read more.



FIRINGS AT THE PHOENIX VA HOSPITAL

It was [reported this past Tuesday](#) that the VA issued "notices of proposed removal" for Phoenix VA Associate Director Lance Robinson; Dr. Darren Deering, the hospital chief of staff; and Brad Curry, chief of health administration services. However, it is outrageous that it took two years to begin the firing process for corrupt federal bureaucrats who committed malfeasance within the VA. They should have been fired a long time ago.

Furthermore, there should be no appeal process, no reassignment and no pension. Federal employees should be not a protected class. Fundamental changes, similar to those already passed by the House, need to be made to the VA hiring and firing process.

Our veteran's deserve federal employees that strive to ensure they are provided with the care they earned. It shouldn't be this hard to fire someone who is bad at their job.



THE WEEK IN PHOTOS

We had another great turnout for my annual Easter Card Competition this year with **1,013 entrees** from students throughout Arizona. This year, the Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce will have the task of helping judge a portion of the drawings and I will be announcing the winners soon. On Friday, Buckeye Valley Chamber staff sorted through the many entrees to help judge.



I was grateful to have the opportunity to speak with Sean Hannity and Former Texas Governor Rick Perry this past weekend while visiting Arizona Christian University.



Had a great meeting this week with Canadian Parliamentarians from the Inter-

Parliamentary Group. This organization has been around for more than 50 years helping to build strong relationships with our good neighbors to the north.



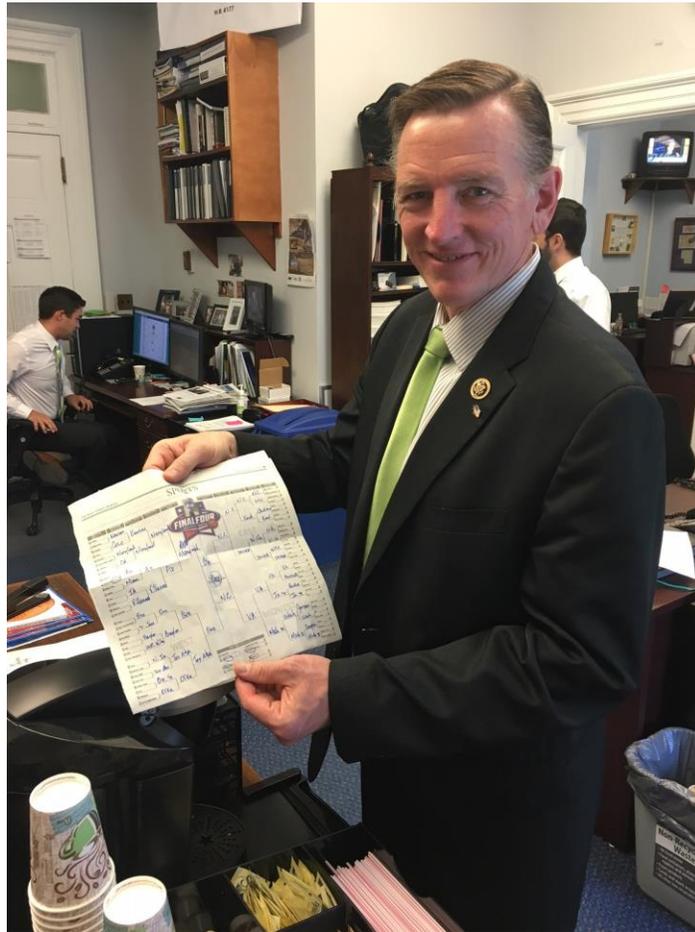
Snapped a picture of the toughest caucus in the House: the Congressional Rugby Caucus.



It was great to welcome Yuma Mayor Douglas Nicholls to Washington this past week as he presented the cities federal agenda including support for the Yuma Military Veterans Home, Hotel Del Sol Multimodal Transportation Center Development and GI Bill Support for Veterans at Police Officer Academy.



As a member of Congress, I have to make tough decisions every single day...but as an avid college basketball fan, making my picks for the NCAA tournament has always been pretty easy for me. ps. I have Oregon winning it all.



UPCOMING EVENTS - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THE STAFF OF ★ CONGRESSMAN PAUL GOSAR

will be holding
OFFICE HOURS
in

KINGMAN, AZ

Tuesday, April 5th
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

220 N 4th Street - Kingman, AZ 86401

Meet with Rep. Gosar's Staff

- Raise any concern you may have about federal and state topics
- Get to know the Congressman's staff

Receive Help with Federal Agencies

- Social Security Administration
 - Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Small Business Administration
 - Internal Revenue Service
- And more!



For more information call (928) 445-1683

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, through Facebook at Representative Paul Gosar or on Instagram at RepGosar.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.

Member of Congress



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