



Dear Friend,

Tomorrow night, MONDAY December 21st, beginning at 6:00 PM/MST, I will be hosting a special telephone townhall on national security for constituents living in Arizona's 4th Congressional district. This is your chance to join the conversation about what must be done to combat ISIS and protect our homeland. Additionally, there will be opportunities for you to ask me questions about today's biggest issues. To join the telephone townhall, you can dial the following toll free phone number beginning at 6:00 PM/MST:

855-312-2107

Your engagement helps me better represent YOU in Congress and ensures that your priorities are given a voice in our nation's capital. Here is a brief list of topics that I am planning to discuss during Monday night's telephone townhall:

National Security

**Combating ISIS
Border Security and Illegal Immigration
U.S. Refugee Placement Program
Protecting the 2nd Amendment**

For more information about Monday night's telephone townhall or any other future events, visit www.gosar.house.gov or call my Gold Canyon Office at (480) 882-2697.

Why I Voted NO on the Massive Omnibus Spending Bill

This past week, I received thousands of phone calls, emails and letters from concerned Arizonans voicing their opinions about the massive end-of-the-year spending bill known as the omnibus. Here are my thoughts from this past week:

Once again, I find myself shaking my head at the wasteful spending in DC and a flawed process that dropped thousands of pages of text on us with only 48 hours to “read” and understand. I wish I could put all the blame on big spending Democrats, liberals who seek to bankrupt our nation and others who are ignorant of the fiscal crisis within which we live. But I can't. Congress is controlled by Republicans. So, this massive and wasteful spending bill is on Republican leadership—who continues the pattern I have seen for 5 years now.

If I sound disappointed, it's because I am. Republicans have been elected around the country on the simple promise of reducing spending and the size of the federal government. To rein in a lawless and dangerously incompetent Obama administration. We know what the American people want. They have made that clear in the last three election cycles. Except for the sequester vote in August 2011 (a law I proudly voted for and that actually reduced spending 3 years in a row), no other law has been enacted that makes meaningful cuts to spending. **I am disappointed but I refuse to give up.**

There are some items in the Omnibus that I support and fought to have included such as eliminating taxpayers bailouts of the Obamacare “risk corridor” program and delaying the “Cadillac tax” which puts 2 more nails in the Obamacare coffin, funding for [PILT and SCAAP](#), as well as lifting the crude oil export ban which I have taken a lead role in accomplishing. Additionally, the omnibus bill includes the House-passed language that reforms the VISA Waiver Program.

But the bad far outweighs the good, and overall, this bill misses so many opportunities. A bill with 2242 pages of legislative text and over 1000 pages of explanatory material. I am not Nancy Pelosi. I will not vote to pass a bill just to find out later what is in it. That is irresponsible and silly. Bottom line: this is a big spending bill. It spends more (\$50 billion) than is authorized and agreed to under the Budget Control Act of 2011. This alone is reason to reject this bill. We set limits that are intended to implement our campaign promises.

This omnibus does not defund the president's executive amnesty orders and fails to prevent funds for sanctuary cities, both abdications of the power of the purse. The bill failed to defund Obamacare. This bill failed to include a provision blocking refugees from Syria from being resettled in this country until we have a system that can

properly vet them. Worse yet, the bill allows the president to bring in as many refugees as he wants and allows access for these refugees to welfare and entitlements at taxpayer expense.

The bill failed to block the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new [Waters of the U.S. \(WOTUS\)](#), [Clean Power Plan](#) and [Ozone regulations](#). It also failed to block the administration's new [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\)](#) rule, to block the new [Stream Protection Rule](#) and to block the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) [new fracking rule](#), do anything to limit [massive designations of new national monuments](#) under the Antiquities Act by Obama and to block the new [Central American Minors \(CAM\) program](#).

It increases Internal Revenue Service (IRS) spending by over \$200 million and includes a \$500 million increase for the wasteful and inefficient Head Start program. The bill [increases funding for the EPA \\$717.73 million above the House passed bill](#). The bill increases funding by \$1.2 billion for the Department of Education. The bill [fails to block funding for Planned Parenthood](#) and will allow hundreds of millions to continue to flow to the organization's coffers (\$528.4 million in federal funding last year alone).

The bill bails out the International Monetary Fund by increasing the U.S. quota. This IMF will now have access to even more taxpayer dollars in order to fund bailouts of other irresponsible governments like Greece. To make matters worse, there were tons of great riders that passed both Houses and were even included in base bills that somehow failed to make it into the final bill. The fact that extremist environmental groups are pleased and that Obama hasn't threatened a veto tells you everything you need to know about this fundamentally-flawed bill.

I refuse to accept this past week's irresponsible omnibus bill as the status quo. I don't care how long it takes or how many politicians I piss off, I will never give up the fight to fix our broken budget process. It's this same budget process which empowers the House to represent the will of the people, to end rampant waste, fraud and abuse, and to hold the executive branch in check. It is the key to fixing the challenges our country faces. Despite all of the forces working in D.C. to maintain our broken system, I know that there are countless, hard-working Americans who will boldly take a stand with me to stop this madness. That is why I can't give up the fight. There is too much at stake.

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I bet you didn't know that I am on [Instagram](#)! That is the only place to see all the behind the scenes photos of everything happening on Capitol Hill.

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,

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