

An Update From Our Nation's Capital

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Dear Friend,

Please allow me to update you on my activities this week in our nation's capital and in Arizona.

Tragedy in Boston

My thoughts and prayers are with all those in Boston and surrounding areas as they deal with the tragic loss of life and the unspeakable evil and violence that forced itself into their lives this week. Please send your thoughts and prayers their way.



Putting People Back to Work: Goodwill of Central Arizona Career Fairs

I will be joined by a leading Arizona nonprofit, Goodwill of Central Arizona, for two career fairs. The first will be held on Thursday, May 2nd, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center in Prescott. You can view the flyer [HERE](#).



On Wednesday, May 29th there will be a second job 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 above or [HERE](#).

Be sure to get there early, bring your resumes, dress professionally and be prepared to talk to hiring managers from numerous companies.

Last year's career fairs were successful. People were hired on the spot. I hope to see you there this year.

Agribusiness Roundtable in Buckeye

Friday afternoon I met with local agricultural producers and small business owners to discuss how burdensome federal regulations were holding back Arizona agriculture. Arizona agriculture creates jobs and spurs our local economy.

It is vital that the federal government gets out of the way of the private sector to keep agriculture at the forefront of our state economy. Thank you to all of those participated in the discussion.

Tax Freedom Day

Paying taxes can be a lot like watching Honey Boo Boo – excruciatingly painful. Taxes are especially painful when people learn that their hard earned money pays for fiscally insane programs like 'Cell Phones Gone Wild,' the \$2.2 billion 'free' government phone program.



It hurts when taxpayer money is wasted and abused – billions of dollars taken from the legitimate private sector and transferred to government to spend inefficiently. Until we take a closer look at our budget and cut the waste, fraud, and abuse, those clamoring for higher taxes only inflict pain on hardworking Americans. In fact, the tax-and-spenders punish the very things we want more of: productive work, risk-taking and success.

Preventing Wildfires

Wildfire season is upon us. Unfortunately, we are reactive instead of proactive in handling these destructive fires. This mismanagement has led to tragic consequences for our nation's economy, natural resources and wildlife.



(Rep. Gosar observing wildfire damage)

We have seen larger, fiercer wildfires throughout the West. Every year, it's the same story — Arizonans play victim to avoidable wildfire conditions. It is time for this to end. So what is the solution? A proactive approach to preventing wildfires is the way we break this cycle.

I have been leading the charge to establish policies that would protect the environment, improve public safety and put people back to work in our forests. Read more from my op-ed in the Arizona Republic [HERE](#).

Stopping Presidential Abuse of Public Lands

This week, I introduced the Arizona Land Sovereignty Act (H.R.1495), preventing any president from unilaterally designating national monuments without input from the public. Video from the hearing can be found [HERE](#) or below.



While it is extremely important to protect our country's natural and historical treasures, no president should have the power to dictate how those lands are managed. Rural Arizona communities, like the ones

in my district, depend on access to public lands for their livelihoods and deserve to be a part of this decision-making process. I will continue to fight for their voices to be heard and to restrain executive authority.

CrowdHall: Online Discussion

Thank you to all of the participants for their great questions and continued conversation during my week long online town hall on [CrowdHall](#).



(Rep. Gosar answered questions in his online town hall during the week)

I have always encouraged everyone to share their ideas on how we can find solutions to the problems that face our country. If you missed my CrowdHall event, please pick up that pen, send an email, or give my office a call to continue to let me know what issues are on your mind. [I look forward to hearing from you.](#)

Recognized by Chamber of Commerce for Supporting America's Jobs Creators

As a small business owner for 25 years, and now a Congressman, I am honored to receive the Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" award. This award is given to members of Congress who have demonstrated strong support for pro-growth policies.



Obamacare Malady of the Week

Thanks to Obamacare there will be about 70,000 fewer doctors available for patients by 2020. Read more [HERE](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Congressman Joe Heck (NV-03) and I will hold joint town halls in Arizona and Nevada on Wednesday, May 1st. There will be a morning town hall in Laughlin, Nevada followed by an afternoon town hall in Bullhead City, Arizona. These events are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st, 2013

LAUGHLIN TOWN HALL

TIME: 9:00AM – 10:30AM (Local Time)

LOCATION: Laughlin High School Theater

1900 Cougar Drive

Laughlin, NV 89029

BULLHEAD CITY TOWN HALL

TIME: 1:00PM-2:30PM (Local Time)

LOCATION: Bullhead City Council Chambers

2355 Trane Road

Bullhead City, AZ 86442

Joint Town Hall
Congressman Paul Gosar
&
Congressman Joe Heck
Wednesday, May 1, 2013



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Click [HERE](#) for a flyer of the event.

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.