



Dear Friend,

On Wednesday, President Obama created a large new national monument in Dona Ana County, New Mexico. This new national monument designation is yet another example of President Obama overstepping his authority and blatantly disregarding the rule of law. Congress gave presidents the ability to designate national monuments in order to protect small, specific areas of land, not large swaths of a state. It is unacceptable for a president to abuse this authority and I will do everything in my power to rein in this practice and fight this overreach.



In addition, by creating this monument, the President ignored the very real possibility that it will endanger the lives of American citizens. Since the Border Patrol is not allowed to patrol national monument lands, this monument will become a safe haven for the smuggling of drugs and illegal immigrants, endangering the lives of countless people. The President's apparent disregard for the safety of this country's citizens is simply shocking. To read more, click [HERE](#).

Our Veterans Deserve Better

When the employees of the VA are more concerned about concealing lengthy wait times than about caring for our veterans, it's obvious that the agency has a serious lack of accountability. In order to prevent deaths such as those that likely occurred due to negligence at the Phoenix VA from occurring again, Congress and President Obama must hold senior VA employees accountable when they are found to have committed acts of malfeasance and fail in their responsibility to provide timely and quality care for our veterans. To that end, I voted on Wednesday for the Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability

Act, which would allow for the Secretary of the VA to fire senior executives who are inept. Currently, these bureaucrats have so many protections that it is nearly impossible for them to be fired.



Veterans fought honorably to protect this nation and our freedoms. Now it's our turn to fight for them. I will continue to seek answers about what exactly happened at the Phoenix VA and to take measures to ensure that veterans receive the care they were promised. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Demanding Better Protections

On Thursday, I voted against the so-called USA Freedom Act. The original Freedom Act, of which I'm proud to have been an original cosponsor, would have prevented the federal government from unconstitutionally spying on innocent Americans, ended the bulk collection of private information and required the FISA court, which operates in secrecy, to become more transparent and operate like a real judicial court. These are necessary reforms demanded by Americans and our Constitution. The original bill provided important protections for American citizens' civil liberties. Unfortunately, however, this legislation was changed at the last minute, causing me to withdraw my support and vote against its passage. The key reforms in the original bill were stripped or weakened to such an extent that I could not in good faith continue to support it. I was not sent to Congress to be a rubber stamp for business as usual.

Although the bill contains a few improvements to current law - such as minor reforms to FISA courts - the legislation was severely weakened and still permits the large-scale collection of private data without complying with basic 4th Amendment requirements. Even more maddening is the fact that a provision was snuck in to the revised bill that extends Sec. 215 of the Patriot Act through 2017. The original version of the Freedom Act let this dangerous provision expire in 2015. The Patriot Act needs a full and fair debate. Sneaking in an extension is not in the public's best interest.

I am disappointed that the House accepted this watered down piece of trash, which was endorsed and pushed by the Obama administration and fails to remedy serious government abuses. Our citizens deserve a government that upholds the Constitution and protects our constituents' civil liberties and privacy. A real opportunity was missed this week to fight back against an overreaching federal

government that has violated the trust and rights of its citizens. Rest assured that I will continue to fight to end this unconstitutional practice. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Honoring Mr. Conservative

My bill that would name the post office at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott after Barry Goldwater cleared a key hurdle on Wednesday. It passed the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, on which I serve, and now awaits action by the full House of Representatives. Barry Goldwater served Arizona and our nation with honor and integrity for decades. His lengthy tenure as a public servant included five terms in the United States Senate and a nomination to be the Republican candidate for president in 1964. Known as 'Mr. Conservative,' he was influential in the revival of political conservatism during the 1960s.



I have deep respect for Barry Goldwater and his efforts to restore conservatism in our nation and I'm pleased the Committee recognized that this patriotic American deserves a fitting tribute. I now urge the full House to take up this bill in a timely manner. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Government Waste of the Week

\$489 million: the amount spent by the VA on upgrading conference rooms, purchase drapes and buy new office furniture during President Obama's first two terms. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

As one of the largest suppliers of turquoise, Kingman, Arizona is termed the Turquoise Capital of the World. The turquoise is sourced out of a mountain just to the northwest of town. Kingman gained the title Turquoise Capital of the World due to some smart marketing on the part of Leonard Hardy, who produced and sold turquoise in Kingman.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, June 2, 2014

Joint Field Hearing on EPA Overreach

TIME: 10:00AM-1:00PM

LOCATION: Arizona State Capitol

Senate Hearing Room 1

1700 W Washington St

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Kingman Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: Kingman District Office

220 N 4th St

Kingman, AZ 86401

Please note that I will not be in attendance.

Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Forest Health Town Hall

TIME: 3:00PM-4:30PM

LOCATION: Messinger Funeral Home

901 S. Westerly Rd.

Payson, AZ 85541

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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