



Dear Friend,

When voters elected a new Republican majority to Congress in 2010, they made it clear that the days of an unaccountable and uncontrollable federal government were over. No longer would American small businesses, farmers and home owners be at the mercy of an ideologically driven Obama Administration. And while we still have a long way to go, I was proud to strike a major blow this past week on several fronts that will protect your individual liberties and uphold the rule of law.

Starting off this past week, the House successfully passed the [Shuster-Gosar Regulatory Integrity Protection Act](#) which pushes back against the continued regulatory overreach of this administration by rejecting the EPA's Waters of the United States proposed rule. This terrible agency proposal would have disastrous effects and economic consequences for agriculture, small business and municipalities throughout the country. Trying to extort precious water resources and seize control over more of Arizona's water is an infringement on state water rights and also undermines the federal-state partnership that has been incredibly successful to date. The EPA wanted this fight and this week, the House hit back with bipartisan support.



Additionally, the House took action on the annual National Defense Authorization Act which approves funding for the Department of Defense and our military forces.

Shamefully, a provision was slipped into the bill by Democrats at the Committee level which aimed to allow illegal immigrants to serve in the military. I am outraged by this attempt to use our military as a pawn for the purposes of advancing President Obama's unconstitutional amnesty orders. The House has voted multiple times against this lawlessness and illegal amnesty controversies should not jeopardize funding for our brave men and women in uniform.



If implemented, such actions would have further reduced opportunities for lawful American citizens who wish to serve at a time when the Pentagon is dramatically downsizing our total number of troops. That's why I co-sponsored an amendment that successfully stripped this dangerous amnesty provision from the final bill. We were successful this time but make no mistake, the president and his allies will continue trying to circumvent the rule of law to permanently cement his lawlessness. I made a pledge that I would never stop fighting against Obama's illegal amnesty and I will remain vigilant against any and all attempts. Click [HERE](#) to read more about my actions this past week to stop Obama's amnesty.

Defending the Defenseless

In the wake of the horrifying discoveries of the Philadelphia abortion "[House of Horrors](#)" operated by Dr. Kermit Gosnell, it is more important than ever to defend innocent babies who aren't capable of defending themselves. Scientific evidence overwhelmingly proves babies are capable of feeling the pain from horrific abortion

procedures after 5 months and the vast majority of Americans agree that abortions should be [prohibited after 20 weeks](#).



As a father and a health care provider, I was pleased to see the House act this week to prohibit late term abortions for unborn babies after 20 weeks post-fertilization. The cornerstone of the Declaration of Independence is the protection of life and the people's House reaffirmed that gruesome abortion procedures have no place in our society. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Introducing the No Welfare for Weed Act

It should go without saying that hard-earned taxpayer money should not be used for people to get high. However, there will always be some people who try to game the system and that is why revision to federal law is necessary. To fix this problem, I have introduced the No Welfare for Weed Act, with the support of 24 bipartisan cosponsors, which closes a loophole that currently prevents individual states from banning welfare recipients ability to purchase marijuana with welfare benefits.

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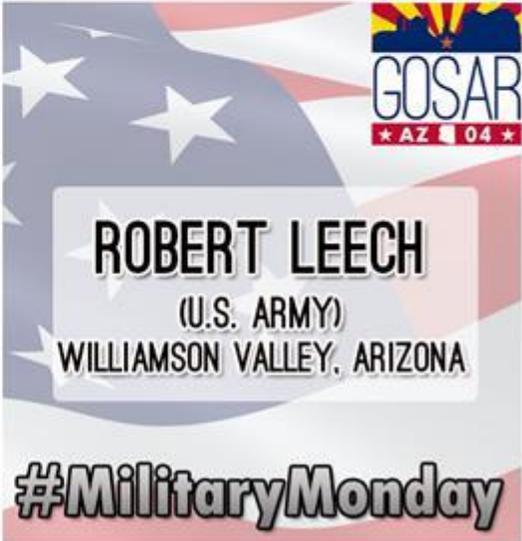
SUPPORT THE **NO WELFARE FOR WEED ACT**

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Regardless of any opinions on medical or recreational marijuana use, federal welfare dollars should not be spent to purchase weed. The sole purpose of this bill is to prohibit marijuana from being purchased with SNAP and TANF welfare benefits. These programs provide food and other basic living essentials for the neediest families. My legislation prohibits beneficiaries from purchasing pot with federal tax dollars that should be used by recipients to feed and care for their families. To learn more about this bill click [HERE](#).

Military Monday

This week’s Military Monday features Robert Leech of Williamson Valley, Arizona who served in the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. Click [HERE](#) to read about Robert’s incredible journey that took him around the world and back again. And remember, if you know of a current or former member of the military in the fourth district that you would like to recognize for Military Monday, send me a message with their contact information at: <http://gosar.house.gov/contact-me> or facebook.com/repgosar via direct message.



Final Thoughts

This weekend was very special for my family as we celebrate my daughter's graduation from Creighton Law School. Unfortunately, this joyous occasion resulted in me missing Friday's votes in the House. However, I was intimately involved in the fight this week and we were successful in stripping an amnesty provision from the NDAA. And while today is a proud moment for me as a father, this past week has been very difficult for my family as we learned that my younger sister was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is one of the strongest women I have in my life and I am optimistic that she will overcome this illness. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time for our family.



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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" followed by a stylized flourish.

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