Dear Friend,

This week, Congress reconvened in Washington D.C. following the 2014 midterm elections last Tuesday. There was a noticeable change in the demeanor of many lawmakers on the Hill because voters like you sent a clear message to D.C. saying it is time for a change. Time for a change from the big government policies of President Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Time for a change in leadership free of incompetence and corruption.

I heard your voice loud and clear and I'm thankful the American people have elected new leadership for the U.S. Senate. However, we still have a president who is stubborn and ideological in his determination to "transform" our country. I will continue my fight to restore the greatness of our nation.

I was honored to be re-elected as the Representative to Arizona's 4th district and I accept the responsibility entrusted in me by all constituents in the district; Republicans, Democrats and Independents.

Now that Republicans have a majority in the House and Senate, we must communicate a clear strategy moving forward for providing solutions to today's biggest challenges. Here are my top priorities for the rest of this year and the beginning of 2015:

Secure the southern border, no amnesty Replace Obamacare Simplify the tax code Protect our country from overregulation

I look forward to discussing these issues with you further in the coming months as I travel throughout the district. I heavily rely on your feedback and opinions so keep an eye out on my Facebook and twitter page for upcoming town halls in 2015.

Stopping Obama's Executive Amnesty

President Obama continues to threaten using an executive order granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants. Upholding our immigration laws and stopping President Obama's executive amnesty is my highest priority. Arizonans, as well as the majority of Americans, have lost all faith in this "commander-in-deceit" and his ability to uphold the rule of law.

One of the strongest tools we have in the House to stop this unparalleled overreach is the power of the purse. I am proud to have joined over 50 of my GOP colleagues in calling for Appropriations Chairman, Hal Rodgers, to finalize the year-end funding legislation prohibiting the use of funds by the administration for the implementation of any executive actions that would grant amnesty. We must do all that is within our power to make sure that the president does not defy the Constitution any further.



The Architect of Obamacare Thinks YOU are "stupid"

Odds are you have probably seen the video of Obamacare architect Jonathan Gruber admitting the Affordable Care Act only passed because of "lack of transparency" and "the stupidity of the American voter".



While these comments come as little surprise to those who have followed this legislation, the video confirms the ideology ingrained into the Obama Administration that the federal government is smarter than you and should have the authority to control your life.

I ran for Congress to fight back against big government and to push for more transparency. I believe the American people are smart enough to decide for themselves what the best course is for our country. That is why House Republicans have offered a patient centered, free market alternative to Obamacare and will work to replace the Affordable Care Act in the 115th Congress. Read more about the Republican alternative <u>HERE</u>.

Big Changes at the VA

I am very pleased to see Veteran Affairs Secretary, Bob McDonald, announce "the largest restructuring in the department's history". The VA will begin implementing the recent law passed by Congress, and hopefully this action will lead to further reforms that are similar to those that I have been calling for since I arrived in Congress.

Along with firing employees guilty of corruption, qualifying veterans will now have the ability to receive care outside of the VA at hospitals and clinics closer to where they live. This is a huge win for Arizona veterans and the first step in fixing the major problems at the VA. I will continue to closely monitor the ongoing investigation into corruption by senior staff at the VA from my position on the House Oversight Committee. Please continue to reach out to my office if you or any veterans you know need assistance with any healthcare needs.



Celebrating Veterans Day

This past Tuesday, Americans across the country celebrated Veterans Day and the sacrifice our service members have made for the United States. Arizona has more than half a million veterans and I am honored to serve each and every one of them.

But more than just thanking our veterans, we must all commit ourselves to ensuring our veterans receive the best healthcare possible and are able to find jobs when they return home from duty. They served our country and now it is time that we all serve them.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

EVENT: Rural Issues Roundtable WHEN: Friday December 5, 2014 TIME: 1:30 PM LOCATION: Flagstaff City Hall - 211 W. Aspen Ave. (Council Conference Room 1st floor)



As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<u>http://gosar.house.gov</u>) on Twitter <u>@repgosar</u>, or through <u>Facebook</u> at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely, Mar DR

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. Member of Congress

