

Dear Friend,

Last week, the House of Representatives completed its final week of session for the 113th Congress. Of all the legislation debated last week, none was more controversial than the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015, better known as the “CROmnibus.”

The “CROmnibus” was necessary because once again Harry Reid’s do nothing Senate failed to pass a single appropriations bill, and for the second year in a row the Senate was 0-12 in passing discretionary appropriations bills that fund the government.

Despite my strongest efforts to stop this flawed spending bill, including cosponsoring an amendment to ban any funds from going to the president's unconstitutional executive order which granted amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants, the House ultimately passed the “CROmnibus” by a vote of 219-206. The Senate passed the bill on Saturday night by a vote of 56-40.

I believe, just as many of you who called my office believe, that the time has come where Congress must stand for something or fall for everything. The American people like YOU voted overwhelmingly for a change in how business is done in Washington D.C. and this “CROmnibus” does the exact opposite. The American people are fed up with the executive overreach coming from President Obama and his big government allies. The American people are fed up with Congress passing massive spending bills with little to no time to read what is actually in the bill.

By not taking a stand against this flawed process, we are damaging, for future generations, the institution that has been the heartbeat of our Republic. The constituents of Arizona’s 4th Congressional District did not send me to Congress to be part of the status quo. I will continue to stand against the president’s unconstitutional amnesty as well as the flawed process of lawmaking without proper oversight and accountability.

In order to cut reckless spending and reduce government bureaucracy, Congress must return to regular order in the budget process. Shockingly, this process has not been followed since 1994. Under regular order, each federal program’s effectiveness is reviewed annually by a budgetary process where both Houses adopt a budget resolution that caps spending levels, and funds are then dispersed through 12 different appropriations bills that pass both Houses. Rather than follow this process, Congress chose once again this year to fund the government through one massive, 1,603-page bill that legislators were given less than 72 hours to read. We need to return to regular order. Regular order would have allowed for a vote on an amendment to defund President Obama’s executive amnesty.



Holding the Obama Administration Accountable

Continuing the theme of government accountability... Last week I participated in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing examining Obamacare transparency failures and questioned the “architect of Obamacare” Jonathan Gruber.

The hearing was further confirmation of the reality many of us have already known about the implementation of Obamacare. The testimony from Mr. Gruber confirmed that the Obama Administration, including the Department of Health and Human Services, misled, deceived and outright lied to the American people in order to take whatever action necessary to pass their partisan, ideological healthcare law.

It sickened me to hear the testimony from the witnesses, and it’s sad that the administration played politics with our citizen’s healthcare. After questioning Mr. Gruber, I absolutely believe that he was caught telling the truth during the numerous videos that document his disdain for government transparency as well as the intellectual capacity of American voters.

Mr. Gruber’s insights and elitism reflect a common trend seen throughout an administration plagued with incompetence and scandal, which most recently was overwhelmingly rejected in the midterm elections. The American people have made it very clear that they want an open and honest legislative process. Our citizens deserve the truth and House Republicans will continue fighting to hold this rogue administration accountable for their actions.

Watch the video of me questioning Mr. Gruber by clicking the picture below:



Not All Bad News... Senate Passes My Critical Jobs Bill

For the second time in as many weeks, I commend the Senate for passing one of my jobs bills, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange, which will create 4,000 jobs and generate \$60 billion for Arizona's economy. Once the operation is running, this mine, located near Superior, Arizona will provide 25% of the United States' copper supply and be the largest copper mine in North America. I am always happy to see bipartisan efforts from members in both the House and Senate, working together for the good of our constituents who have made it clear that they want Congress to focus on job creation. The land exchange is a remarkable achievement for Arizona and will provide economic and ecological benefits for decades. I urge the president to promptly sign this legislation into law so that Arizona can celebrate the holiday season with a copper Christmas.



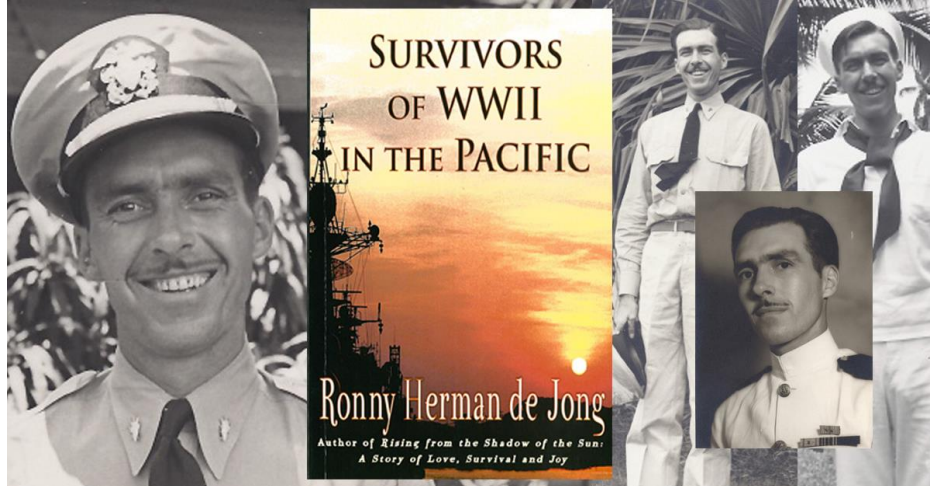
If you would like to learn more about my jobs bill, you can visit my official website where I created a page dedicated to providing information on the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange. It can be viewed [HERE](#).

Never Forget our Heroes at Pearl Harbor

Sunday, December 7th marked the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and while many stories have been told about that “date which will live in infamy”... it is important to never forget the heroic acts of our men and women who sacrificed so much to defend this nation. One of those heroes resides in Prescott, Arizona and vividly remembers his account of that December morning in 1941.

Edward Sowman was a U.S. Navy Radioman 2nd class who served on the heavy cruiser USS New Orleans, docked in Pearl Harbor. He remembers Japanese fighter planes flying so close to his ship that he could clearly see their faces. Ed lost many friends that day and he still carries the scars of Pearl Harbor with him to this day. Click on the picture below to hear from Ed himself about the events that transpired on that somber day. He was featured this past August on Morning Scramble with AZTV.com’s Sandy Moss.

To read more about Ed Sowman’s story, you should check out Ronny Herman de Jong’s book titled Survivors of World War II. The author, a survivor herself of a Japanese prison camp, gathered and edited all of these stories so that they will never be forgotten.



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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Member of Congress

