



## Rising Gas Prices & Fast and Furious - Gosar Demands Answer

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to keep in touch and read about what is happening in Washington, D.C. and around Arizona's First District. Below you will find some highlights of the last two weeks. For more information please visit our website at [www.gosar.house.gov](http://www.gosar.house.gov).

### **Gas Prices Keep Rising and Solutions Are On The Table to Bring You Relief**

Real energy solutions are needed to address the rising gas prices and potential oil shock facing our country. Seeing as the cost of oil accounts for 70% of the cost of a gallon of gas, the question of how high gas prices can go is intertwined with rising oil prices as a result of disruptions in the Middle East, the shutdown of US refineries on the East Coast, and the President's "permitorium" or reluctance to issue new drilling permits. [Here](#) are some key ways in which President Obama has accelerated rising prices.

### **Why the Nation has Lost Confidence in Our Attorney General (Summary of Op-Ed by Congressman Gosar for The Hill)**

Transparency, accountability, honesty and integrity -- these are key words to describe what the American public deserves from public administrators. United States Attorney General Eric Holder and the Department of Justice are not exempt. In fact, of all cabinet level positions, the attorney general is expected to operate with the highest level of integrity. Attorney General Holder has failed our country in the now infamous Operation Fast and

Furious.

That is why 103 members of the House have called for Holder's resignation, co-sponsored my House Resolution of No Confidence (H.Res.490), or both. The American people deserve much better from their attorney general.

For the full article visit *The Hill's* [Website](#)

### **Gosar Demands Answers from Secretary Salazar on Devastating Effects of Obama Regulations on Arizona Jobs.**

On February 15 I had an opportunity as member of the House Natural Resources Committee to question Secretary Salazar of the Department of the Interior during a full committee meeting on the administration's recent actions that have stifled economic development in rural Arizona. These restrictions include the additional bureaucratic red tape the administration is seeking for my legislation known as the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act (H.R.1904), the regulatory mandates being considered for the Navajo Generating Station, and a 20-year ban on uranium mining on federal land in the Arizona strip. You can see me questioning Secretary Salazar on these important Arizona issues [here](#).

### **Obama Administration Cannot Pick and Choose From the Constitution**

On February 15 I spoke with a panel as a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on the Obama Administration's trampling of the freedom of religion and the freedom of conscious. Specifically, the Health and Human Services unconstitutional mandate put forth in Obamacare forces religious organizations to provide birth control and abortion causing drugs in the health care plans of their employees. I expressed my views on this issue during a House Oversight and Government Reform hearing entitled "Lines Cross: Separation of Church and State" which can be seen [here](#).

Touching upon this issue, I read the ever relevant Jefferson's Letter to the Danbury Baptists:

*I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of*

*separation between Church & State...*

The full letter can be viewed in its entirety [here](#)

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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