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WILDFIRE NEWS

Dear Friend,

This week I introduced the No Welfare for Weed Act, which would prohibit the purchase of marijuana using federal welfare benefits. Regardless of your feelings on States' Rights, 'medical' marijuana or recreational marijuana, people shouldn't be able to get high using hard-earned taxpayer money.

The sole purpose of this bipartisan bill is to prohibit marijuana from being purchased with federal welfare benefits. These programs are meant to provide subsidies for food and other basic living essentials for the neediest families.

Unfortunately, there are always unscrupulous people looking for ways to game the system, which makes this commonsense update to federal law necessary. Taxpayers expect and deserve a lean, efficient government. Accordingly, I will do everything in my power to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse whenever possible, including preventing the use of federal welfare benefits to purchase weed.



I introduced this legislation as a result of an investigation by Fox 31 Denver, which you can watch by clicking [HERE](#). That investigation revealed that

thousands of dollars have been pulled out of ATMs using welfare EBT cards to purchase marijuana.

Click [HERE](#) to read more and click [HERE](#) to read an article about my bill in *The Hill* newspaper.

Protecting Local Economies

One thing I have always strongly advocated for is infrastructure, so I was pleased to learn on Wednesday that two projects I've been working on will be moving forward. The Army Corps of Engineers released its Fiscal Year 2014 work plan, which contained \$1.6 million for the Rio de Flag flood control project and \$100,000 for the Lower Santa Cruz River Watershed Project. These projects will help protect the safety of residents and businesses by preventing catastrophic flooding in both Flagstaff and the Lower Santa Cruz River Region. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Advocating for Border Security

I also spearheaded a letter this week, sent on Thursday, urging the House Appropriations Committee to allocate robust resources for Customs and Border Patrol.

As an Arizonan, I know firsthand how important border security is to both our safety and our economy. The men and women who risk their lives daily working as Border Patrol agents not only prevent criminals, smugglers and terrorists from entering our nation illegally but they also facilitate a half trillion dollars in annual trade between the United States and Mexico.



(Reps. Gosar and Salmon at the ICE Air Operations, Arizona Removal Operations Coordination Center in Mesa, September 2013)

Border security is a critical element of our constitutional duty to provide for the common defense. As such, we must ensure that Customs and Border Patrol has adequate resources to effectively execute its important mission. Click [HERE](#) to read more and click [HERE](#) to read the letter.

More of the Same

On Tuesday, President Obama released his budget, which is just more of the same: more government, more spending and higher taxes. The President doesn't even try to balance the budget. President Obama's policies continue to hurt hard-working Americans. It's completely irresponsible and absolutely unfair to our

kids and grandkids. Like his prior budgets, including his 2011 budget that not even one Democrat voted for, this budget is dead on arrival. It's not worth the paper it was printed on.

Small Business Friday

Small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy. They create approximately seven out of every ten new jobs. But, unfortunately, the federal government is stifling the ability of small businesses to grow and, in some case, even stay open. As your representative in Congress, I want to know what I can do to ease the squeeze.

That's why I regularly host Small Business Friday events like the one I held in Buckeye on Friday at an American Family Insurance agency. This allows me to hear directly from small business owners about the issues they're most concerned about and how I can help improve the business environment. The way to do that, as I keep hearing at these events, is to get Washington out of the way.



(Rep. Gosar at the American Family Insurance agency in Buckeye, March 7, 2014)

Excessive regulations and Executive Branch overreach are having a dampening effect on our economy. It's time we fixed that. If we can get the federal government out of the way, I have no doubt that our future will be bright. I'll continue to do everything I can to make that happen.

Government Waste of the Week

\$390,000: the cost of a NASA-funded YouTube show and cartoon series - called "Green Ninja" - in which a man dressed in a green ninja costume teaches kids about global warming.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

There were several different names proposed for the city of Prescott, including "Aztlán", "Audubon", and "Goodwin City." In the end, "Prescott" was chosen to honor William Hickling Prescott, author of *The History of the Conquest of Mexico*. According to the Arizona Miner, this name was chosen because Prescott was considered "a good citizen, a true patriot, with industry, perseverance under difficulty, amiability of character and love of country."



(William Hickling Prescott)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 18th, 2014

Kingman Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM (AZ)

LOCATION: The Fourth Congressional District's Kingman Office
220 N 4th St

Kingman, AZ 86401

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

Thursday, March 20th, 2014

Payson Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: Office of Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin
610 E Highway 260

Payson, AZ 85547

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

Friday, April 11, 2014

Prescott Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 8:00AM-9:30AM

LOCATION: Sally B's Café
7680 E. Highway 69

Prescott Valley, AZ 85314

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

Friday, April 18th, 2014

San Tan Valley Small Business Friday

TIME: 3:00PM-4:30PM

LOCATION: The Daily Bread Bistro
5618 East Skyline Drive

San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

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

Congressional Art Competition

DEADLINE: April 23, 2014

The annual Congressional Art Competition is upon us. The competition is open to all high school students from the Fourth Congressional District. The First Place winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. for an awards banquet and will have his or her artwork displayed in the US Capitol Complex for one year. Other

