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Dear Friend,

I voted on Thursday to create a select committee to investigate the September 11, 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi. Had the Obama administration told the truth about Benghazi, there wouldn't be a need for this select committee. But the President and his team decided to lie about the cause of the attack. They decided to blame America first and give a pass to the terrorists.

Hillary Clinton infamously dismissed the deaths of four brave Americans killed in a terrorist attack by hysterically yelling 'what difference does it make.' It makes a big difference. Why didn't we have intelligence about the attack? Why was the diplomatic mission so lightly guarded in such a dangerous area? Why did the President and Mrs. Clinton refuse to call for military back up? Why did they create a lie about an Internet video instead of just telling the truth? Why did they lie to Congress about responding to a subpoena? The American public deserves the truth. The truth, Mrs. Clinton, always matters.

The fact that the White House was forced to release the smoking-gun emails to a watchdog group after Congress has been requesting these documents for nearly two years makes me wonder what else they're hiding. The administration's unwillingness to tell the truth about the events that occurred before, during and after that tragic night is completely unacceptable. The American people and the families of the four heroes who died in Benghazi deserve no less than the whole truth, and it is my hope that this select committee will, at last, provide it. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

### **Holding Lois Lerner and the IRS Accountable**

As an employee of the federal government, Lois Lerner took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Her behavior, however, was directly contradictory to the Constitution. As a former public servant, Mrs. Lerner has an obligation to give the American people answers as to why their government chose to target specific groups based on their political ideologies. The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, on which I serve, subpoenaed Mrs. Lerner to provide those answers, but she refused to comply by asserting her right to remain silent under the Fifth Amendment. However, before pleading the Fifth, she declared her innocence, thereby waiving her right to remain silent. She has since continued her refusal to testify, which is why I

voted on Wednesday to hold her in contempt of Congress. To watch a clip of my speech on the floor of the House prior to this vote, click [HERE](#) or below.



Americans have understandably lost confidence in the federal government due to the slew of President Obama's scandals, including the IRS targeting scandal. In order to restore their confidence, the government must vigorously investigate these abuses and hold the responsible individuals accountable. To date, no one has been held accountable for the targeting of conservative organizations by the IRS. To remedy that sad fact, I also voted on Wednesday to demand that Attorney General Eric Holder appoint a special prosecutor to lead this investigation so that there will be a singular focus on uncovering the truth and prosecuting the perpetrators.

Attempting to silence and intimidate any group for their political beliefs is contrary to the freedoms of speech and assembly guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. There is no question that the IRS targeted conservative groups in an attempt to stifle their political activities. The only remaining questions are who instigated the targeting, whether the White House was involved, who should be fired and who should go to jail. To read more, click [HERE](#).

### **No First Class Travel Using Taxpayer Funds**

Yesterday, I, along with three of my colleagues, introduced the If Our Military Has to Fly Coach Then so Should Congress Act (H.R. 4632), which would prohibit members of Congress from flying first class using taxpayer funds. This bill is a continuation of my efforts to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government. It's a very simple bill. All it does is prohibit members of Congress from using taxpayer funds to purchase first class airfare. At a time of massive deficits and with a national debt in excess of \$17 trillion, members of Congress should not be using taxpayers' hard-earned money to buy luxury airline seats. If members of our military can't fly first class using taxpayer funds, neither should members of Congress. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

## **Creating Certainty and Fostering Job Creation**

The United States tax code is broken and overly complex. In 1913, when the tax code was first created, it was 400 pages long. The current tax code now exceeds 70,000 pages and is a bureaucratic nightmare that punishes job creators, stifles economic growth and discourages investment.

The United States already has the highest corporate tax rate in the world and allowing important pieces of the tax code, like the research and development tax credit, to expire on a regular basis creates further uncertainty. Businesses are left to make long-term plans around short-term laws, which discourages American innovation and prevents small businesses and job creators from hiring new employees and investing in their companies. I voted for a bill on Friday that will finally make the research and development tax credit permanent, giving businesses the certainty they need to expand their operations and create much-needed jobs. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

## **Reforming the VA**

I wrote an op-ed for *The Arizona Republic* that outlines recent efforts I led to bring much-needed reforms to the Veterans Administration. Recent revelations about the Phoenix VA made it clear that we must introduce transparency and accountability into this massive bureaucracy so that our veterans, who served this country with honor and bravery, receive the health care they've earned. Click [HERE](#) to read my op-ed.

## **Government Waste of the Week**

\$150 per gallon: the price that the Department of Defense paid for jet fuel made from algae in an attempt to be "green." That's more than 64 times the price of regular fuel.

## **Congressional District 4: Did You Know?**

Castle Dome Landing, near Yuma, is a ghost town that is submerged in the waters of Martinez Lake. The town was first settled by American miners in the 1860s but there is evidence that Native Americans had been mining there previously.



(Castle Dome Landing in 1877, courtesy Wikimedia Commons)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, May 10, 2014

#### **2014 Congressional Art Competition Awards Ceremony**

TIME: 2:00PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: Desert Caballeros Western Museum

21 N. Frontier St.

Wickenburg, AZ 85390

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Please note that I will be at the museum at 1:30PM to meet people. The awards ceremony begins at 2:00PM.

Monday, May 12, 2014

#### **Prescott Office Hours**

TIME: 12:00PM-3:00PM

LOCATION: Rep. Gosar's Prescott Office

122 N Cortez St, Suite 104

Prescott, AZ 86301

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

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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