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Congresswoman Giffords meets with constituents at her Jobs Seekers' Expo in Tucson that was attended by over 300 people.

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Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was named the most centrist member of Arizona's congressional delegation in the *National Journal's* 2010 analysis of key votes.



Congresswoman Giffords discusses the federal budget deficit with a constituent in southeastern Arizona.

"I'm working to cut wasteful spending, reduce the deficit and show the same fiscal responsibility that Arizona families do every day."

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# “We Need Fiscal Responsibility in Washington”



*“As a former small business owner, I believe our federal government shouldn’t spend money it doesn’t have. Southern Arizonans know that the record*

*deficit we face today is a direct consequence of the failed, short-sighted fiscal policies of the last decade.*

*Too many Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle are playing games with the debt, instead of making a serious effort at fiscal reform. We can’t afford to wait any longer to put our fiscal house in order.”*

*- Gabrielle Giffords*

### Fighting for Earmark Reform

Congresswoman Giffords is fighting for earmark reform and working to curb pork-barrel spending. She wrote legislation banning lawmakers from taking campaign contributions from company executives who have requested earmarks and does not accept earmark requests from for-profit companies. She was also one of the first Members of Congress to post all earmark requests online for greater transparency and accountability.

### Establishing a Bipartisan Commission to Reduce the Deficit

Congresswoman Giffords was one of the leading advocates for establishing a bipartisan debt commission with the authority to force Congress’ hand in making the tough decisions necessary to end wasteful spending and put the country back on track. The commission would recommend ways to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid while reducing the debt burden for future generations. The President recently created the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which will report by December 1, 2010 on ways to balance the budget and improve our long-term fiscal outlook.

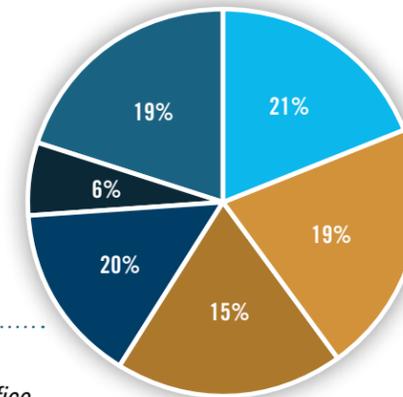
### Holding Irresponsible Companies Accountable

Congresswoman Giffords voted to audit the Federal Reserve to find out exactly how bailout funds were distributed. She believes that we need to hold these companies accountable. And she supported laws requiring big banks and Wall Street to pay back 100% of any taxpayer funds they received, including returning CEO bonuses.

### Understanding the Federal Budget

Percent of total spending in 2010

- Social Security
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Defense
- Other Discretionary
- Other Mandatory
- Net Interest



Source: Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office

### Stopping Increases in the Nation’s Debt Limit

Congresswoman Giffords has consistently voted to rein in federal deficits by refusing to go along with an increase in the debt limit.

### Opposing Pay Raises for Congress

In these tough times, it’s just wrong for Congress to give itself a pay raise. Congresswoman Giffords has voted against all salary increases for Members of Congress and has never given out bonuses to Congressional staff.

Congresswoman Giffords is interested in your opinion about federal spending and the budget. Fill out the attached reply card and return it to her office. Sharing your thoughts helps her represent you better in Congress.



For more information, visit [www.giffords.house.gov](http://www.giffords.house.gov)

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**WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Please take a moment to fill out the reply card and return it to our office.

1. In which areas do you feel we should cut government spending?

- National Defense
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Education
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Social Security
- Other .....

2. In which areas do you believe we should increase government spending?

- National Defense
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Education
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Social Security
- Other .....

3. What else would you like to share with Congresswoman Giffords about the budget?

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CITY, STATE, ZIP: .....

PHONE: .....

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