



CONGRESSMAN RON BARBER

The 90-Day Report

In his first 90 days in office, Rep. Ron Barber worked to represent his constituents. This report summarizes how Rep. Barber has served the people of his district – by representing them in Washington, serving them at home in Southern Arizona and listening to constituents, government officials and local organizations about their priorities and concerns.

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Representing Southern Arizona

➤ Committee assignments:

- Armed Services (Emerging Threats/Capabilities, Strategic Forces subcommittees)
- Homeland Security (Transp. Security, Counterterrorism/Intelligence subcommittees)

➤ Caucuses:

- Border Security Caucus; Veterans Jobs Caucus; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education Caucus; and Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition

➤ Work in Washington:

- 6 floor speeches championing issues of concern to the constituents of Southern Arizona including access to affordable health care and supporting our veterans
- 3 bipartisan bills introduced: *The Protecting Veterans Pension Act*, to strengthen the Veterans Affairs pension program and combat scams against veterans, the *United States-Mexico Cross-Border Security Act* to create a cross-border strategy between the U.S. and Mexico to fight Mexican criminal organizations that threaten people on both sides of the border, and the *Veterans Health Access Act* to make it easier for veterans to get health care
- 2 amendments offered: The first to adjust the budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations to reduce the deficit and provide housing for the estimated 70,000 homeless veterans. The second to the Continuing Appropriations Resolution funding bill for 2013 to extend military personnel pay for a full year rather than just six months and extend treatment and other services for homeless and mentally ill veterans
- Voted for the *National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act* to assist the Border Patrol in pursuing drug smugglers
- Voted for the *Veteran Skills to Jobs Act* and the *Veterans Cost of Living Allowance* to help veterans find jobs and increase payments to disabled veterans and survivors
- Voted for the *Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations*, which provides funding for infrastructure-related jobs in Arizona and which prevented student loan interest rates from doubling
- Voted for the *Department of Defense Appropriations Act of FY2013* to authorize essential funding to support our armed forces and military families, including Southern Arizona's own Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson and Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista
- 39 meetings in Washington, including with a group working on technology to make it easier for disabled veterans to vote; Arizona representatives of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; Arizona Farm Bureau; Arizona Air National Guard; and the 2012 winner of the Congressional Art Contest



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Serving Southern Arizona

Within 36 hours after he was elected in June, Rep. Barber's offices in Tucson and Sierra Vista began working to assist constituents with problems they encountered when dealing with the federal government. The congressman has held numerous public events, including his first three Congress On Your Corners.

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➤ **Constituent Services Work:**

- **339** new constituent cases opened and **433** constituent cases from Rep. Giffords' office reopened; **254** cases closed
- **9,205** constituent contacts received by email, telephone, fax or mail
- **59** Constituent tours in Washington, DC

➤ **Constituent and Community events:**

- **53** days in Southern Arizona
- **7** trips home since taking office, with **9** trips to Cochise, Santa Cruz, Pinal counties
- **3** Congress On Your Corners; in Tucson, Sierra Vista, and the Green Valley/Sahuarita Area
- **1** Veterans Town Hall at the University of Arizona
- **2** Solar Power 101s (57th and 58th Solar Power 101s)
- **4** Constituent Services Days at local farmers' markets

Listening to and Working with Southern Arizona

Rep. Barber has met with numerous organizations and individuals about their priorities for the federal government so he can effectively advocate on behalf of Southern Arizona.

- **1** Veterans Advisory Council Meeting with leaders of Southern Arizona Veterans organizations
- **10** meetings with southern Arizona mayors from Tucson, Sierra Vista, Benson, Oro Valley, Marana, Sahuarita, Douglas, Huachuca City and Bisbee
- **7** trips to military bases in southern Arizona, including three trips to Fort Huachuca, three to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and one to the 162nd Fighter Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard
- **7** tours and site visits of current and potential Southern Arizona employers, including Tucson Medical Center, Raytheon, Cox Communications and Minetec
- **1** day touring the U.S.-Mexico border, a briefing with Border Patrol officials and meeting with Cochise County ranchers and residents and **1** Border Security Conference Call with ranchers and residents from border communities
- **86** meetings and events in Arizona including a send-off of an Army National Guard unit being deployed to Afghanistan, meetings with University of Arizona President Ann Weaver Hart, members of the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans, members of the D-M 50, the Southern Arizona Bankers Council, the Minuteman Committee of the 162nd Fighter Wing, and the Greater Oro Valley and Sierra Vista Chambers of Commerce