

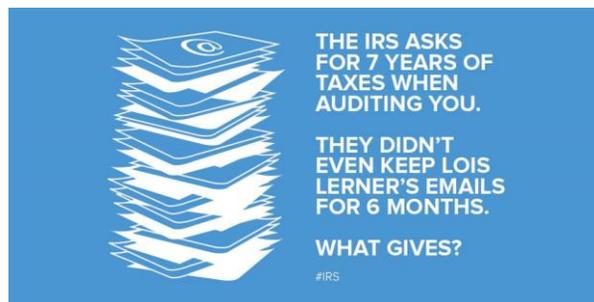
Dear Friend,

This past week has been eventful on Capitol Hill. Over the past few months, you have probably heard quite a bit about the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS's) scandal involving Lois Lerner. As your Congressman, I am committed to revealing the truth, handling injustices, and making significant improvements in the IRS and the Justice Department. I believe it is important to hold our nation's leaders accountable, and I pledge to you that I will get the anticipated and much needed answers surrounding the IRS scandal and Lerner's "missing" emails.

Oversight and Government Reform IRS Hearings

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform continued to dig into the Lois Lerner scandal by holding two full committee hearings this week.

On Monday, IRS Tax Commissioner John Koskinen appeared as a witness before the Committee. This hearing focused on the IRS's failure to comply with federal law, the agency's targeting of conservative organizations and the agency's continued obstruction of congressional oversight. How the IRS lost a significant portion of Lois Lerner's e-mails and why the IRS failed to disclose these missing e-mails for more than a year were amongst the topics that generated heated debate. I was interviewed on Fox Business Network following the hearing. Click [HERE](#) to watch that interview and hear my comments on what transpired.



On Tuesday, the Oversight Committee hosted a second hearing on the missing Lerner emails and heard testimony from Office of the White House Counsel Jennifer O'Connor and Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. Jennifer O'Connor was the attorney responsible for coordinating the IRS's initial response and document submission to the Oversight Committee following the targeting of conservative organizations by Lois Lerner and her department.

Here are a few of the important things we learned at these hearings. The IRS failed to preserve federal records, including e-mails and violated federal law as a result. The IRS began 'preserving' documents to respond to investigations in May of 2013. At that time, the agency should have known Lois Lerner's e-mails were missing. However, the IRS waited until June 2014 to inform Congress that a large number of her emails were missing and blamed the disappearance of these emails on a crashed hard drive. The dog ate my homework excuse doesn't pass the smell test in my opinion.

House Energy Week

This week, the House of Representatives took the initiative to unleash American-made energy while creating over 425,000 jobs by 2035, reducing consumer fuel prices by \$5.8 billion and reducing the trade deficit by \$22 billion.

The House passed three energy bills aimed at creating good-paying jobs, growing

a healthy economy and ensuring hardworking Americans take home more of their paychecks.

I am a cosponsor of one of those bills, H.R. 6, which would streamline American natural liquefied gas exports and force bureaucrats within the Department of Energy to do their jobs. This common sense legislation will allow America to become a key player in the global energy market and create hundreds of thousands of jobs right here in the United States.



EPA Administrator testifies before the Committee

On Thursday, I had the opportunity to rake Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy over the coals when she appeared before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The Supreme Court has issued four decisions that reinforce the limits of EPA jurisdiction. Recently, we have seen numerous efforts by this rogue agency to essentially rewrite federal law as if the EPA is congress and as if the Supreme Court has never spoken. What will it take before the EPA follows the rule of law? Do we need to defund this agency entirely?

Click [HERE](#) to watch my exchange with Administrator McCarthy



Congressional Art Competition Winner

On Wednesday, I was honored to host Sirilak Rottler and her family at the U.S. Capitol. Sirilak is an extremely talented artist from Cottonwood, Arizona who won the Congressional Art Competition for the 4th District of Arizona. She created an incredible painting titled "Uncle Jim" on a beautiful wood medium. Her painting will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for all visitors to see. I am incredibly proud of Sirilak and her work which represents the best of what Arizona students are capable of achieving.



Supreme Court Finds Obama Violated the Constitution

On Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision in *NLRB v. Noel Canning* that President Obama's 2012 recess appointments were invalid and unconstitutional. This ruling is a monumentally important moment for our nation's ability to uphold the rule of law. Despite President Obama's repeated circumvention of the legislative branch of our government, today's unanimous Supreme Court ruling reinforces our nation's system of checks and balances.

The unprecedented action by the President to try and sneak through three National Labor Relations Board appointments as well as the appointment of Consumer Financial Bureau Director Richard Cordray is just the tip of the iceberg in an administration mired in executive overreach and corruption. These actions have bred a lack of confidence and trust of the American people in their own government. I am encouraged by the Supreme Court's unanimous decision and hope that it will remind the President that no matter how much he would like to bypass Congress, in the United States no man is above the law and our Constitution.

Waste Fact of the Week

The federal government spent \$505,000 "to promote specialty hair and beauty products for cats and dogs" in 2012.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

The roof of the Capitol building of Arizona has a copper roof equivalent to 4.8 million pennies.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

WHEN: Friday July 4, 2014
EVENT: 4th of July Home Town Celebration
TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
LOCATION: Green Valley Park,
1000 W. Country Club Payson, AZ 85541

WHEN: Saturday July 5, 2014
EVENT: Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Prescott Courthouse Plaza

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,

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

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress