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A Rising Economic Tide Lifts All Boats

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Dear Friend,

Earlier this week, in an editorial [published](#) on The Huffington Post titled "Missing In Action": Congress Ignores America's Poverty Crisis", a reporter argued for additional stimulus spending and against a comprehensive approach to federal budgeting. The author went so far as to imply that those who support a more balanced approach are insensitive to our nation's growing levels of poverty. I strongly disagree with both points. **The solutions I support empower individuals to pursue the American dream.**

Let's start with an obvious omission. While entitled "Missing in Action," the article fails to note that as of 2011 the federal government had 122 different anti-poverty programs. One Congresswoman is quoted as saying Congress is not doing "enough" but she apparently forgot that seven Senate committees and subcommittees, 11 House committees and subcommittees, seven cabinet departments and eight other agencies oversee antipoverty programs. That is hardly "missing in action."

To read more of my op-ed "A Rising Economic Tide Lifts All Boats" please, click [HERE](#).

President's Budget: Tax and Spend

On Wednesday, President Obama released his budget proposal which calls for more than \$1 trillion in new taxes. The American people can spot that the President's budget is a wolf in sheep's clothing. This budget proposal, dressed up as a compromise, is nothing more than the President and his big-government allies attempting to fund their reckless spending by taxing Americans now and robbing them of their savings down the road

President Obama's Budget
has united the country...

IN OPPOSITION

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The President's proposal to increase taxes is a non-starter. He got his tax hikes in January. That ship has sailed and the American people will not stand for more of the same failed policies.

Crowdhall: Inviting You To My Online, Week-long Town Hall

As your Representative I want to bring your voice back to Washington. Want to better understand my legislative priorities? Weigh in on tax reform? Share your questions on job creation? Ask me anything during my one week online Q&A town hall **beginning this Monday, April 15th**. This town hall is flexible and ongoing in order to best meet the needs of your schedule.

To attend, all you need to do is:

1. Step in. Follow this link: <http://crowdhall.com/h/34> at any point over the next week
2. Speak up and ask me a question or share an idea here during my one week online Q&A town hall
3. Vote on the most important issues
4. Stay tuned or get notified when I respond to top issues at the end of the week

The Obama Administration's Gun Hypocrisy

Also this week, I sent a letter to the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee requesting a hearing on my Resolution of No Confidence in Attorney General Eric Holder (H. Res 35).

As the Obamas step up their unconstitutional gun grabbing efforts, it is imperative we not forget the role the U.S. Department of Justice, through its Attorney General, had in facilitating the trafficking of thousands of firearms to violent Mexican cartels through the use of straw purchasers.



The hypocrisy of President Obama's latest attempts to restrict the lawful and constitutionally protected rights of Americans to own firearms while protecting Attorney General Holder is astounding. This Administration has specifically

touted the need for tougher laws to prevent straw purchases and stricter penalties for the type of straw purchases used in Fast and Furious while allowing those who ran the operation to evade consequences.

You can read a copy of the letter I sent [HERE](#), or read more in Breitbart [HERE](#).

House Passes Gosar-Tipton Plan to Create Jobs and Expand Hydropower Production

Americans have been hit hard by skyrocketing energy costs, especially during this recession. Swift action on our hydropower development and rural jobs bill could provide much needed relief. I applaud my colleagues for passing the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act this past Wednesday by a vote of 416-7. I look forward to the President signing it into law.

Video of my floor speech can be found [HERE](#) or below.



Fighting Catastrophic Wildfire

The five largest wildfires in our state's history have all occurred in the last ten years. They are destroying our natural treasures and livelihoods. We lose timber, habitat and animals. Current federal policies do nothing to stop this problem. My bill will change that.

On Thursday, the Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, held a hearing on my Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2013.

Please click [HERE](#) or below to watch my opening statement from the hearing.



Adopt-A-Highway: Rep. Gosar and Local Volunteers in Chino Valley

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in my Adopt-a-Highway cleanup event this past weekend in Chino Valley. You can read more about this event in the Chino Valley Review [HERE](#).



(Local volunteers and Rep. Gosar cleaned part of Highway 89 in Chino Valley, April 6, 2013)

Goodwill of Central Arizona and Rep. Gosar to Hold Local Job Fairs

I will be joined by a leading Arizona nonprofit, Goodwill of Central Arizona, for two job fairs. The first is on Thursday, May 2nd from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center in Prescott. You can view the flyer [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, May 29th will be a second job fair at the Yuma Civic Center in Yuma from 9:00am- 2:00pm. You can view the flyer [HERE](#).

Be sure to get there early, bring your resumes, dress professionally and be prepared to talk to hiring managers from numerous companies.

Remembering Lady Margaret Thatcher

I was sad to learn of the loss of Margaret Thatcher. Lady Thatcher was a determined and accomplished statesman who understood the people, promoted personal responsibility, and won the argument for free markets. Not just in politics but in every area of life, we can all learn from Lady Thatcher, who wasn't afraid of hard work or standing for her beliefs.

Cell Phones Gone Wild

Cell Phones Gone Wild isn't some bad movie. It's a federal program costing the American taxpayer nearly \$2.2 Billion per year. The fiscal insanity needs to end. I'm proud to co-sponsor Rep. Tim Griffin's bill, H.R. 176, to end free government cell phones. Read more [HERE](#).

Obamacare Malady of the Week

As insurance claims rise up to 32% due to Obamacare, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius wants to blame Republicans for the Obamacare mess. Read more [HERE](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th, 2013

My staff will hold Constituent Service Hours in Lake Havasu City on Wednesday, April 17th.

LAKE HAVASU CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

TIME: 1PM-4PM

LOCATION: Lake Havasu City Hall (Room 249)
2330 McCulloch Boulevard N
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

A flyer for the event is available [HERE](#).

FRIDAY, APRIL 19th, 2013

Local agricultural producers, small business owners and I will discuss burdensome federal regulations and other issues facing Arizona agriculture in a panel-based format. This event is open to the public.

AGRICULTURE ROUNDTABLE WITH REP. GOSAR

TIME: 6PM-7:30PM

LOCATION: Buckeye Town Council Chambers
530 E Monroe Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326

A flyer for the event is available [HERE](#).

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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Member of Congress

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