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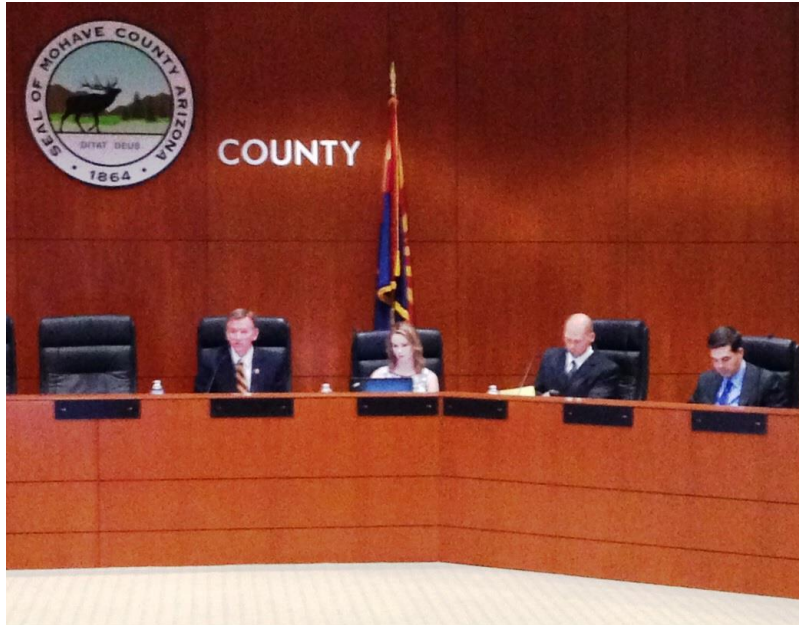
Dear Friend,

I held a field hearing in Kingman on Monday about the Downwinders of Mohave County. I was moved by the emotional stories I heard of the trauma and illnesses they suffered. It breaks my heart that they've been victimized twice by the federal government: first when the federal government exposed them to radiation from nuclear testing and again when they were excluded from benefit eligibility.



(Great turnout at the field hearing, April 14, 2014)

At the hearing, I heard a range of testimony, from expert reviews on the law and medicine to the personal stories of actual Downwinders. Witnesses included a Congressional Research Service (CRS) analyst, Mohave County officials, the former Chairwoman of the Hualapai Tribe and several local residents who either developed radiation-induced illnesses themselves or have family members who died from a radiation-induced illness.



(Rep. Gosar, accompanied by members of his staff, hearing testimony at the field hearing, April 14, 2014)

The southern part of Mohave County was unjustly excluded from eligibility for compensation under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). It's just plain common sense that if the Arizona counties to the northeast, east and even the southeast are eligible for RECA compensation, then all of Mohave County should be eligible. The residents of Mohave County deserve justice and equality, and I will continue to fight to bring it to them. Click [HERE](#) to read more and click [HERE](#) to read a *Mohave Valley Daily News* article about the hearing.

We Cannot Reward Wrongdoing

As part of my work to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government, I led a legislative effort to prevent the IRS from giving bonuses to the employees of its Tax Exempt division, which is the division responsible for the targeting of conservative groups. The individuals responsible for this reprehensible behavior must be held accountable, which is why I'm leading this legislative effort and why I voted last week to hold Lois Lerner in contempt of Congress. Click [HERE](#) to read a *Breitbart News* article about my efforts and click [HERE](#) to read more in the *Washington Post*.

Americans are already worried about the IRS targeting them for their political beliefs but this week they had even more to worry about. As I'm sure you're well aware, Tuesday was Tax Day, which reminded us all that our current tax system is completely broken. The tax code is too complex and the tax burden is too high, not only destroying jobs and slowing economic growth but also impeding the ability of families and businesses to make long-term financial decisions. Families and businesses currently waste thousands of dollars and countless hours ensuring they don't run afoul of our nation's more than 80,000-page tax code.

All of this indicates that we need tax reform. We need a flatter, fairer tax code,

one that rewards Americans for their hard work and allows them to keep more of the money they earn. This will unshackle the economy and create jobs so that folks across the country can finally find work again. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Simply Unacceptable

In my last e-newsletter, I told you about a report that up to 40 veterans had died as a result of delays at the Phoenix VA and that, allegedly, VA workers kept two sets of records in order to conceal ridiculously long wait times. Concerned Veterans for America held a rally in Phoenix on Wednesday to bring attention to mismanagement at the Phoenix VA and the need for reform. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the rally, but I sent my Wounded Warrior Liaison to read my statement, the entirety of which you can read by clicking [HERE](#).



(A picture from the rally, courtesy *The Arizona Republic*, April 16, 2014)

It is no secret that the Department of Veterans Affairs is failing countless veterans all over this great nation. For years now, our servicemen and women have waited extraordinary amounts of time for the benefits they earned. Initial responses to claims still hover close to one year, with appeals taking even longer. It is with a heavy heart that I say many of these veterans simply give up. They feel abandoned by the country they fought for, and they either discontinue their pursuit of their rightful benefits, or worse, they give up on life completely. Such instances are all too common today, and it is absolutely heartbreaking. The VA's treatment of veterans is unacceptable. Enough is enough. I agree with a statement from an *Arizona Republic* editorial published last week on this issue: "Let the heads begin to roll." Click [HERE](#) to read more about the rally and this issue in *The Arizona Republic*.

Fighting the BLM

I visited the Bundy family ranch last Saturday. Like many Americans throughout the country, I closely monitored the incidents that transpired last week between

the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bundy family. While I was pleased that the BLM decided to end the roundup, that does not change the fact that the way they handled this situation is unacceptable.



(Rep. Gosar driving to the Bundy family ranch, April 12, 2014)

The BLM infringed on the rights and liberties of American citizens in the way they chose to deal with this matter and put the safety of the general public as well as their employees at risk. If this is the type of leadership we can expect out of new BLM Director Neil Kornze, I have grave concerns. This situation highlights a continual theme within the Obama administration: more control of our daily lives and more control of our federal lands by any means necessary.



(Rep. Gosar speaking with Marty Bundy at the Bundy family ranch, April 12, 2014)

I will not stand for these types of infringements and call on the BLM to respect the basic rights of American citizens and not use totalitarian tactics like this again.

Traveling Across District 4

I held several events across District 4 this week, including two town halls. It was refreshing to meet so many new people and discuss our nation's future with them. Below are a few pictures of the events.



(Rep. Gosar making a presentation at a town hall in Paulden, April 12, 2014)



(Rep. Gosar at a Tax Day town hall in Topock, April 15, 2014)



(Rep. Gosar checking for Egrets at the Beal Tower Havasu National Wildlife

Refuge, April 15, 2014)



(Rep. Gosar meeting with Vickie Clark, administrator of La Paz Regional Hospital, April 16, 2014)



(Rep. Gosar and Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery at a "Marijuana Harmless? Think Again" conference, April 17, 2014)

Happy Easter

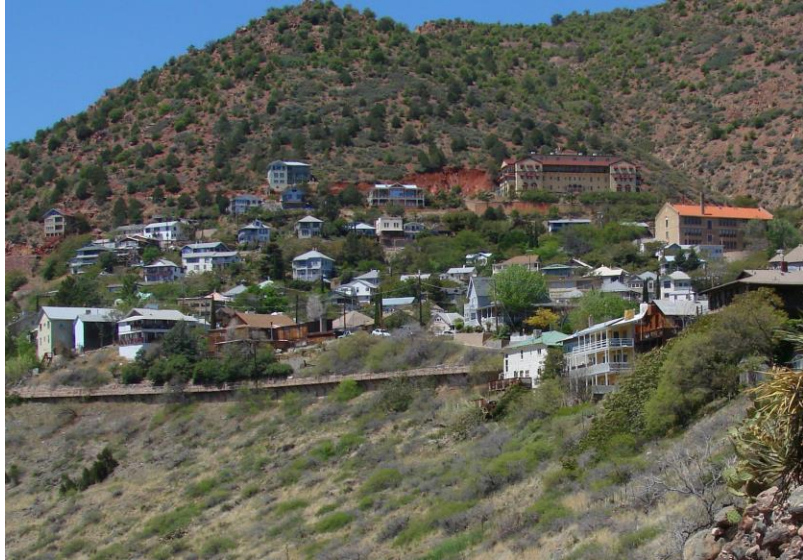
As a Catholic, Easter is a very important and special holiday for me, one that is central to my faith. I plan to spend it with my family and I hope you will be able to spend time with your family as well this weekend. I hope you all have a happy Easter.

Government Waste of the Week

\$11 billion: the amount of Earned Income Tax Credit benefits paid in 2013 to prisoners, illegal immigrants, people who have died and others.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

Though he never visited the town, Jerome is named after Eugene Jerome of New York City. He was a co-founder of the United Verde Copper Company, which mined copper in Jerome.



(Jerome, Arizona)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, April 19, 2014

Adopt A Highway Cleanup

*NOTE: Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance, but a member of his staff will be.

TIME: 2:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: Highway 89 Mile Marker Post 326 to 327

Chino Valley, AZ 86323

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

Park and meet at the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, 175 E Road 2 South, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

Space is Limited. RSVP to Jeremiah Cota at Jeremiah.Cota@mail.house.gov.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Cottonwood Staff Office Hours

NOTE: Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance, but a member of his staff will be.

TIME: 12:00PM-2:00PM

LOCATION: Cottonwood Fire Department

191 S. 6th St.

Cottonwood, AZ 86326

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

Congressional Art Competition

DEADLINE: April 23, 2014

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the competition.

Monday, May 5, 2014

San Tan Valley Office Hours

TIME: 1:00PM-4:00PM

LOCATION: Rep. Gosar's San Tan Valley Office

270 E Hunt Highway, Suite 12

San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

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

Monday, May 12, 2014

Prescott Office Hours

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Gosar".

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.

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