No Rest for the Weary: A Busy District Work Week

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Dear Friend.

On Wednesday, Rep. Joe Heck (NV-03) and I hosted joint town halls in Laughlin, Nevada and in Bullhead City, Arizona. Over the course of the 90 minute town hall, we answered questions from a packed audience on everything from continuing to investigate the Benghazi terror attacks to opposing the internet sales tax. Rep. Heck and I also talked about the importance of building upon the already strong relationship between our two states.



(Rep. Gosar and Rep. Heck begin the Bullhead City town hall, May 1st, 2013)

Thank you to everyone who attended this event. I remain committed to being open and accessible. I have multiple office locations including Prescott, San Tan Valley, Kingman and D.C. <u>Please pick up that pen, send an email, or give my office a call</u> to continue to let me know what issues are on your mind. I look forward to hearing from you. You can read more about the town hall in the Arizona Republic and the Mohave Daily News.

Over 600 Jobs at the Prescott Career Fair

This past Thursday, I hosted a career fair with Goodwill of Central Arizona in Prescott featuring over 40 employers and 600 jobs. I want to thank the businesses, applicants, and most of all Goodwill of Central Arizona for being a part of this event.



(Job-seekers sign in at the career fair, May 2, 2013)

The career fair was held at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center with hundreds in attendance. It was fantastic to see many folks being hired on the spot.

Goodwill of Central Arizona went above and beyond helping job-seekers match up with their potential employers. Goodwill even provided professional attire at no cost to those looking to make an impression on employers.



(Rep. Gosar poses with employers at the career fair, May 2, 2013)

Thank you Goodwill of Central Arizona, employers, members of the Prescott Resort and Conference Center and all of those in attendance for making this year's career fair so successful.

As a small business owner and someone who has spent a lot of time in our community, I know one simple fact: entrepreneurs create jobs, not the federal government. This event was a huge success in bringing together job creators with well qualified job seekers. Let's get Arizonans back to work.

What Immigration Reform Must Entail

As I travel across the district, I get a lot of questions about immigration reform. I want to set the record straight. There is no immigration reform without first securing the border.

America is a nation of immigrants.

In our relatively short history, millions have left their homelands and traveled great distances to be a part of a grand experiment called America. Today, we are a melting pot of traditions, cultures and ethnicities – all united by a shared belief in the freedom and opportunity that we call the American Dream.

But we are also a nation of laws and fairness. Ours is a land where people can come, work hard and be successful regardless of where they come from, so long as they play by the rules and earn their way honestly. It is our belief in the rule of law and our belief in opportunity that makes the American Dream possible.

Both of these traditions are intertwined into our history and both must be preserved as we embark on the debate over immigration reform.

There is no question that our immigration system is not working, and debates on how to reform it spurs deep emotions for those on all sides of the issue.

But reform should not be driven by emotion alone. To successfully implement immigration reform, we must not lose sight of the ultimate goal: immigration reform must strengthen America as the flagship of freedom in the world.

You can continue reading the op-ed I wrote with U.S. Reps. David Schweikert and Matt Salmon in the <u>Arizona Republic</u>.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Commissioning Ceremony

This week, I had the honor and the privilege of speaking at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's commissioning ceremony for 13 cadets. The significance of this ceremony reflected the call to leadership and service that these cadets honored.



(Rep. Gosar addresses cadets at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Commissioning, May 3, 2013)

In the presence of their classmates and families they swore an oath of office; an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. They pledged to uphold the system of laws by which we agree to be governed. I have taken a similar oath as a member of Congress, and I have no doubt these newly commissioned officers will fare honorably and defend our liberties.



(Ian Diede takes the oath of office during the ERAU Commissioning Ceremony, May 3, 2013)

Touring Salt River Materials Group in Clarkdale

On Tuesday, I visited the Salt River Materials Group mine in Clarkdale--another mine facing the EPA's burdensome, job-killing regulations. The last thing the federal government should be doing during a down economy is place more burdens on business. We need the economy to grow, and suffocating it with burdensome regulations is not the solution.



(Rep. Gosar poses with members of the Salt River Materials Group, April 30, 2013)

Obamacare Malady of the Week

New data from Kaiser asks if those opposed to Obamacare should continue trying to change and/or stop it, or simply let it go. A 53% majority said those opposed should keep trying to fight it.



Benghazi Hearing: "Exposing Failure and Recognizing Courage" May 8th

On Wednesday, May 8th, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Benghazi: Exposing Failure and Recognizing Courage." The American people deserve answers. You will be able to watch live **HERE**.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Goodwill of Central Arizona Yuma Career Fair

I will be joined by a leading Arizona nonprofit, Goodwill of Central Arizona, on Wednesday, May 29th for a career fair at the Yuma Civic Center in Yuma from 9:00am- 2:00pm. You can view the flyer HERE and a video invitation to the event below or HERE.



Staff Constituent Service Hours in Kingman

My staff will hold Constituent Service Hours in Kingman on Tuesday, May 7th, 2013.

TUESDAY, MAY 7th, 2013

KINGMAN CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

TIME: 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. LOCATION: 220 N. 4th Street Kingman, Arizona 86401

View a flyer for this event **HERE**.

*Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance

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,

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

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