



## Dear friend,

I love and appreciate the feedback I consistently receive from all of the loyal followers who read my e-newsletters. It means the world to me and helps me stay connected to YOU. However, on this Valentine's Day, I am only thinking about one Arizonan who has always had my heart... my beautiful and caring wife Maude. I would not be the man I am today without the love of my life standing by my side. The kindness and strength she has given me is only matched by the love she has given to our three wonderful children. Maude, I am so blessed to share this life with you and I want the whole world to know it. Thank you for being my Valentine today and always!



I hope that everyone reading this message has a wonderful Valentine's Day and is able to spend it with the person they love the most in this world.

## JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA: LEGAL TITAN, DEFENDER OF THE CONSTITUTION

Last night, we received the shocking and tragic news that Conservative Justice Antonin Scalia had passed away in his sleep during a hunting trip in Texas.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott confirmed Scalia's death in a statement saying, "Justice Antonin Scalia was a man of God, a patriot, and an unwavering defender of the written Constitution and the Rule of Law. He was the solid rock who turned away so many attempts to depart from and distort the Constitution. His fierce loyalty to the Constitution set an unmatched example, not just for judges and lawyers, but for all Americans. We mourn his passing, and we pray that his successor on the Supreme Court will take his place as a champion for the written Constitution and the Rule of Law."



It is an honor to have known one of the greatest defenders of the Constitution this country has ever seen. Justice Scalia's patriotic service and relentless dedication to upholding the law will never be forgotten. The best way to honor his immortal legacy is to let the next president pick his successor and I am pleased to see Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell agree with me. Above all else, Justice Scalia will be greatly missed. Please join me in sending your prayers to his family during this time of mourning.

## SUPREME COURT BLOCKS EPA'S CLEAN POWER PLAN

BREAKING NEWS: This past week, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked implementation of the EPA's unconstitutional Clean Power Plan while 26 states, including Arizona, challenge this job killing regulation in federal court. I've been calling this, "The Rise of the States". When the Obama Administration continues to force its lawless environmental agenda that will kill good paying jobs for countless Arizonans, the states have the power to take the president to court. This weeks monumental decision makes it clear: Congress, not EPA bureaucrats at the behest of the president, should dictate our country's environmental policies. Click HERE to read more about this monumental win for the American people.



Let's make something very clear: Republicans want clean air, clean water and a sustainable planet just as much as Democrats. We differentiate on two things:

- 1.) Republicans believe that protecting the environment does not mean having to crush our economy like Democrats propose.
- 2.) Environmental laws, just like all our laws, must pass through Congress under Article I of the Constitution. Period. The president can't wield the EPA like a weapon to impose an ideological agenda by executive decree. That is why the Supreme Court blocked Obama's unconstitutional, job killing Clean Power Plan last night. That is why I will continue to fight for common sense energy policies that protect hard working Arizonans.

#### **OBAMA FY17 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

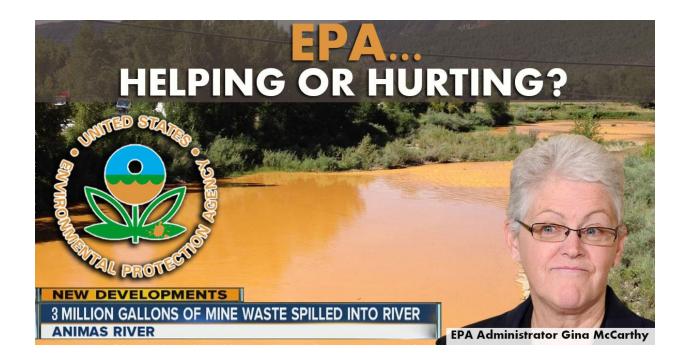
Last Monday, President Obama submitted to Congress his 8th and final budget proposal. The president's irresponsible FY 2017 budget would increase spending by \$2.5 trillion and raise taxes by \$3.4 trillion over the next decade. Under his budget, the national debt will be more than double what it was when the president took office. And just in case you were keeping count... Since 2010 President Obama has been late in submitting 5 of his last 7 budget proposals and the U.S. Senate has voted to reject his budgets by a total of 393-1. The Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 makes it clear that the president is required to submit his budget to Congress every year before the first Monday in February.

The president should be embarrassed that the one thing Republicans and Democrats agree on is that Obama's budgets are a joke. Our \$19 trillion debt however is no joke and it will continue to threaten American prosperity until we get serious about cutting wasteful spending.



# REPORT ON ANIMAS RIVER SPILL CONFIRMS EPA NEGLIGENCE

This past week, the House Natural Resources Committee, of which I am a member, released new information on our investigation into the EPA-caused Gold King Mine spill. It is our job to hold agencies accountable, especially for the 3 million gallon spill that has dumped more than 880,000 pounds of metals into the Animas River. We uncovered numerous inaccuracies and misleading explanations for this government-made disaster. If it wasn't obvious before, it sure is now... EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has got to go. Click HERE or on the picture below to learn more about the Committee report released this week.



#### **GOSAR OP-ED FEATURED IN CONSERVATIVE REVIEW**



On Friday, Conservative Review published my op-ed highlighting the double standard of U.S. immigration policy towards Cuban immigrants and how my legislation, <u>H.R. 3818</u>, would end the "Wet Foot/Dry Foot" revision of the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 which unfairly grants amnesty to Cubans:

"Imagine the frustration of LEGAL immigrants when President Obama unilaterally normalized relations with Cuba last year but refused to end provisions from the 1966 Cuban Adjustment Act which grant instant amnesty to Cubans who set foot on American soil. This is a luxury no other country in the world enjoys, so it's fair to ask, why would we still treat immigrants from that nation any different than those from other countries? Despite President Obama's continued ideological efforts to erode American

sovereignty, he can't have it both ways... and he knows it. That is why <u>I introduced</u> <u>legislation</u> (H.R. 3818) to terminate three outdated policies that directly provide amnesty to Cuban aliens and cost taxpayers billions of dollars annually."

Click <u>HERE</u> to read the full op-ed.

# TWO MAMAS GOURMET PIZZERIA CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Keith Mantegna and Erica Parker who celebrated their one year anniversary of <a href="Two Mamas">Two Mamas</a> Gourmet Pizzeria in Prescott, Arizona on Saturday February 6th! Make sure you stop by in person if you are in the Prescott area and support this great small business!





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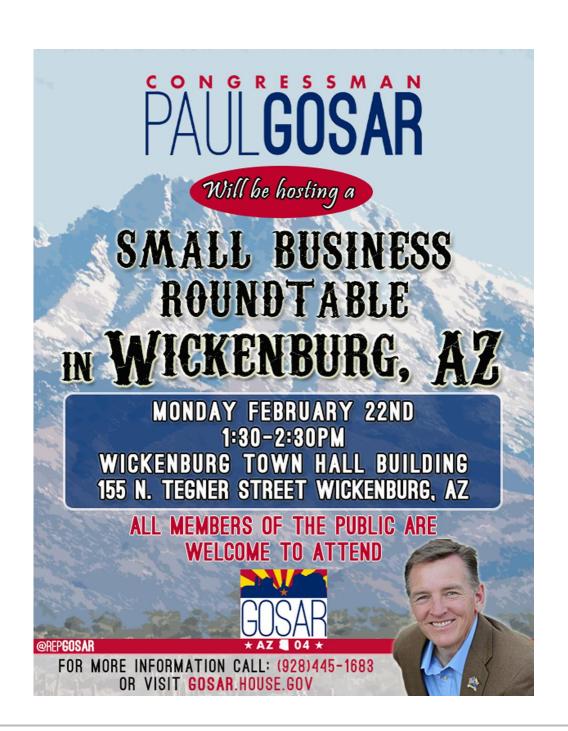
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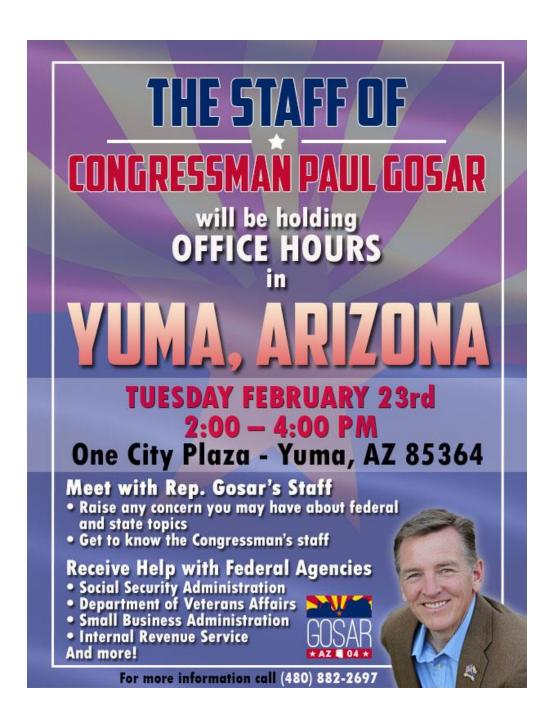
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I bet you didn't know that I am on <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>! That is the only place to see all the behind the scenes photos of everything happening on Capitol Hill.

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<a href="http://gosar.house.gov">http://gosar.house.gov</a>) on Twitter @RepGosar, through Facebook at Representative Paul Gosar or on Instagram at RepGosar.

Sincerely,

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