

Dear Friend,

This week the House of Representatives sent a strong message to the IRS and the Administration, "Shape up or lose your funding." On Wednesday, the House passed an appropriations bill which cut funding to the IRS by over \$1 billion and to its lowest level since 2003. Included with passage of this bill were four of my amendments which cut more than \$400 million in wasteful spending by the IRS and other government agencies. At a time when our nation is more than \$17 trillion dollars in debt and with a federal budget on track to spend \$500 billion more than it will take in, we must make real cuts to reign in federal spending.

I was elected to bring the budget realities that American families are forced to live with everyday to the out of control spending process in Washington, including at the IRS. But more damning than the financial condition of the country is the fact that this agency has shown contempt for American taxpayers. It has ignored Congress and ignored subpoenas. It has stonewalled. It has destroyed evidence. It has lied. It has abused its powers and targeted our citizenry for exercising their political beliefs.

As I have travelled across Arizona's Fourth District, constituents have been demanding congress "do" something other than hold hearing after hearing about the problems at the IRS. I am proud to report to you that I have listened and am "doing" something that Congress has complete power to do—use the power of the purse. My amendments, which were passed with bipartisan support this week, demand accountability from a reckless and wasteful federal bureaucracy.

Here's a look at my amendments this week:

Amendment 1- \$353 Million Cut to the IRS:

This week, the House unanimously adopted my amendment cut funds for the IRS by \$353 million as part of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 15. Historically, the IRS has **never** been liked by the American People. The agency takes our hard earned wages and enforces the Internal Revenue Code. I would argue that the power wielded by this agency is matched only by the Department of Defense, because—as we all know—the power to tax is the power to destroy. And although no one ever *liked* the IRS, most Americans quietly trusted them. They trusted that the agency was enforcing the law with fairness and impartiality, and were beyond reproach in terms of political pressure. That trust has not only been *questioned*, it has been **annihilated**. Passage of this amendment by the House was a strong statement for holding this rogue agency accountable for the illegal targeting of conservatives and other ongoing scandals. Read more [HERE](#).

Amendment 2 – GSA Cuts:

This week I also passed an amendment to the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015 that cut \$42 million dollars of funding from the General Services Administration's Rental Space Account and redirected it towards the U.S. Courts. The General Services Administration (GSA) is a government agency that has a long history of mismanaging federal tax dollars. The Courts on the other hand have been consistently underfunded due to an influx of cases in recent years. My amendment is about good governance. It takes money away from an ineffective agency and puts it where it can actually be effective. This amendment, which was passed unanimously by my colleagues, sends a message to wasteful government agencies across the nation- You will not mismanage tax dollars and get away with it.

Amendment # 3 –SBA:

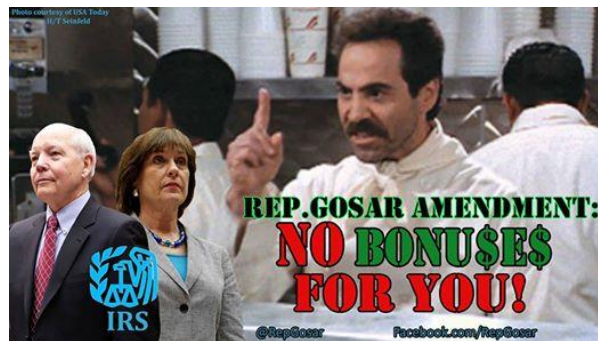
My third amendment, which also passed unanimously, reallocates funds from the

bureaucracy within the Small Business Administration (SBA) and distributes them to SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs. The SBA is a major facilitator in private sector job and economic growth—thus I consider this reallocation as a means to take away funds from greedy bureaucrats and turn them over to programs in which real people can see real economic recovery. While this amendment is a sign of progress, a lot of work still must be done. I will continue to fight for solutions which foster economic recovery and reduce the national debt.

Amendment #4 –No IRS Bonuses:

My fourth and final amendment of the week prohibited bonuses for senior executive service employees at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for fiscal year 2015. The amendment passed with a bipartisan vote of 282-138, with one member voting present.

I was pleased to see 57 members on the other side of the aisle break rank and join me in holding a rogue agency accountable. Despite President Obama's insistence that there is 'not a smidgen of corruption' at the IRS, nearly 30% of House Democrats voted to prohibit bonuses for senior executive employees. This bipartisan vote is a stunning rebuke to the President, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, Lois Lerner, and all management within the agency.



Americans across the country have been outraged at the lawlessness and lack of accountability flaunted by the IRS. Politicians of all political stripes have vowed to do something about it. This amendment was another opportunity to act rather than simply speak. The IRS has not only failed to live up to its responsibilities, it has blatantly violated the rights of countless American citizens.

Giving out bonuses to senior management in the middle of one of the largest and most significant scandals in modern American history is a slap in the face to the American public. As long as I remain a member of Congress, and until the American people have closure on this dark chapter in our history, I will seek to ensure this policy becomes law—each and every fiscal year.

Barry Goldwater Post Office Bill:

On Monday, the House passed one of my bills, H.R. 3027, which will rename the post office at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott as the "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office." I am proud that the House passed this bill to honor his service to this nation. As many know, Barry Goldwater was a businessman-turned-statesman who served 5 terms in the United States Senate, and was the Republican nominee for president in 1964. He served Arizona and our nation with honor and integrity for decades. This legislation is a fitting tribute to an honorable Arizonan—one who served this nation in so many ways.



Arizona "Did You Know?"

Ruby, the Asian elephant world famous for her ability to paint, spent most of her life at the Phoenix Zoo. Ruby was born in Thailand in 1973, but moved to the Phoenix Zoo when she was just a few months old. She was the only elephant at the zoo, so she began using a stick to create designs in the dirt to entertain herself. Her zookeepers eventually trained her to create paintings using paint on canvas. Some of her paintings sold for up to \$5,000!

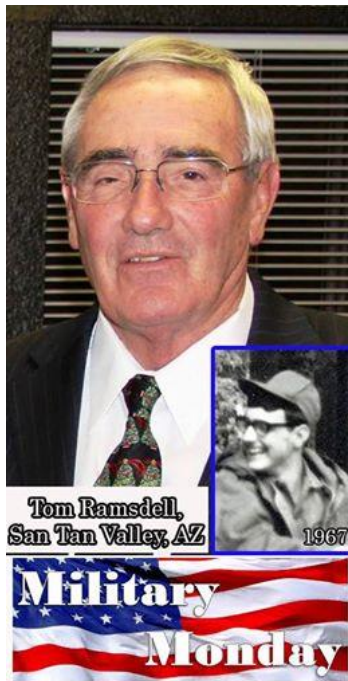
Military Monday:

One of the greatest aspects of Arizona's Fourth Congressional District are the countless military members and veterans who have bravely served this nation in the armed forces. This week I began spotlighting our local heroes and will continue to do so every week in a Facebook segment called "Military Monday".

Our inaugural Military Monday featured Tom Ramsdell of San Tan Valley:

After being drafted in 1967, Tom Ramsdell served in the U.S. Army's Security Agency until 1971. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his service while he was stationed in Germany for three years. Mr. Ramsdell remembers the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968, when he monitored communications coming out of the Ministry of Defense in Prague which were transmitted over 180 different radios. He recalls having to play cover music—Radio Prague, the "best" rock and roll station—so that no one from the outside could potentially hear what his division was listening to. Mr. Ramsdell's favorite part about his time serving in the Army was being stationed in a small, isolated town in Bavaria. When asked about what the Army taught him, Mr. Ramsdell said, "[It] gave me a little character. I learned to complete any task as best as I could and do what I said I would do. I also learned a little discipline. I needed that in my life."

On behalf of a grateful state and nation, I want to sincerely thank Tom Ramsdell for his service and his sacrifice.



Waste of the Week:

The National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) spent almost \$1 million for the promotion of romance novels, including a \$616,000 "Love Between the Covers," documentary. Read more [HERE](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

WHEN: July 23 - July 27 2014

EVENT: 5th Annual Prescott Film Festival

TIME: More information at www.prescottfilmfestival.com

LOCATION: Yavapai College Performing Arts Center
1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ

WHEN: August 15, 2014

EVENT: Payson Staff Office Hours

TIME: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

LOCATION: Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin's Office
610 East Highway 260
Payson, AZ 85547

WHEN: September 20, 2014

EVENT: Parker Fire Department Annual BBQ

TIME: 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Parker Fire Station
1101 W. Arizona Ave, Parker, AZ



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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