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Archived June 15

Dear Friend,

When the government abuses its power, the people must fight back. The I.R.S. targeted conservative and religious groups simply because of their point of view. Meanwhile, the E.P.A. has pushed burdensome regulations on the Navajo Generating Station, which threaten local jobs and risk raising the cost of water and electricity throughout Arizona. Our overreaching federal government must be held accountable.

That is why I am hosting a Congressional Field Hearing with Reps. Matt Salo (AZ-05), David Schweikert (AZ-06), and Trent Franks (AZ-08) entitled, "The I.R.S. and the E.P.A. Bureaucrats Out-of-Control?" on July 1st in Prescott. You will be able to hear testimony on I.R.S. targeting and E.P.A. abuse. Please click [HERE](#) or below to learn more about this event.



The hearing will take place Monday, July 1, 2013 at the Davis Learning Center Auditorium on the campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. The hearing starts at 4:00 p.m. and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

To share your story before the hearing visit my House website [HERE](#).

Attorney General Tom Horne and State Representative Brenda Barton will also offer testimony.

The Constitution- Chains to Bind the Misuse of Government

This week, I voted against the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2013 – for failing to include language which would have protected American citizens against indefinite detention:

In voting against the NDAA, I kept my promise to uphold and protect the Constitution. I will not vote to continue policies that trample on our constitutional rights.

I did however vote in favor of amendments to improve this bill's adherence to the Constitution.



(Rep. Gosar holds up his copy of the Constitution)

Standing in defense of the Constitution could not be more important today. We have witnessed, over the last several weeks, government abuses of power and an assault on our constitutional rights in the name of national security. My no vote addresses this and is a reminder that the Constitution serves as chains to bind the misuse of government.

Justice for Downwinders

I recently petitioned the House Committee on Rules to allow the Mohave County Radiation Compensation Act of 2013, H.R. 424, to be considered during re-authorization of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) debate.

This legislation would ensure that residents of Mohave County who may have been exposed to radiation poisoning from nuclear weapons tests between 1952 and 1962, are eligible for compensation pursuant to an existing federal fund, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA).

The current law excludes residents from Mohave County even though the radiation plume impacted residents of Mohave County.

That petition was denied, so I will continue to get the law passed other ways.

The Federal Government has now twice victimized the Downwinders, and Congress needs to remedy this injustice. First by creating the radiation plume, and second by excluding these citizens from the compensation fund.

Those in Mohave County who have contracted cancer or other serious illnesses as a result of radiation should be rightfully part of the eligible applicants.

Congress formally apologized on behalf of the country, and promised to make it up to the Downwinders. I intend to hold Congress to that promise. I will continue to seek justice for the Downwinders

Click [HERE](#) or below to watch the video of my statement.



Please click [HERE](#) for text of my full committee statement.

Promoting Forest Health

This week, I joined Representatives Kurt Schrader (D-OR), Derek Kilmer (D-WA), and Kristi Noem (R-SD) in introducing the bipartisan Healthy Forest Caucus to focus on the state of forest health, forest management practices, and conservation efforts.

Our forests have been mismanaged for too long and our economy, natural resources and wildlife have suffered as a consequence. We must shift our strategy. As a congressman, I have fought and continue to fight for pro-active solutions that restore the environment, improve public safety, and put people back to work in our forests.

Also, you can now stay up to date with the latest major wildfires facing Arizona on recently my launched Wildfire Prevention webpage on my [House Website](#).

Celebrating Flag Day

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an official resolution stating, “that the flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white; that the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” Please find more about the history of our flag in the [Yuma Sun](#).

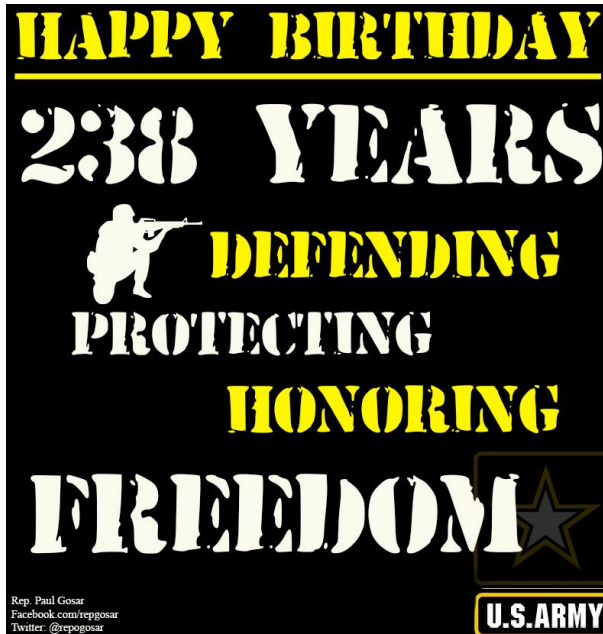


(Rep. Gosar stands with the U.S. flag in his Washington, D.C. Office on Flag Day, July 14, 2013)

Lastly, did you know you can order a flag to be flown over the U.S. Capitol from your member of Congress? Click [HERE](#) to learn how.

Happy Birthday to the United States Army

Two hundred and thirty-eight years ago the Continental Army was formed by our Nation’s leaders to defend freedom. The United States Army continues to protect our liberty and way of life. Thank you to all of those who serve. [Happy 238th Birthday!](#)



Obamacare Malady of the Week

Low-wage workers may not be able to afford coverage under Obamacare. Read more [HERE](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Congressman Mick Mulvaney (SC-05) and I will hold a joint town hall, focused on the economy, in Prescott, Arizona on Monday, June 24.



(Reps. Gosar and Mulvaney pose with the Gadsden Flag outside Rep. Gosar's office in Washington, D.C., May 10, 2013)

This event will be held at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Auditorium

and it is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013

REPS. GOSAR AND MULVANEY JOINT ECONOMIC TOWN HALL

TIME: 6:30PM- 7:30PM

LOCATION: Davis Learning Center Auditorium
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
3700 Willow Creek Road
Prescott, AZ 86301

View a flyer for this event [HERE](#).

I will hold a business roundtable in Jerome, Arizona on Friday, June 21st. This event will be held at the Jerome Fire House and it is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Local business owners, members of state agencies and associations, and representatives of various chambers of commerce will be in attendance. Please come share your thoughts on tax and regulatory reform, the federal budget, Obamacare and other issues facing businesses.

FRIDAY, June 21st, 2013

JEROME BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

TIME: 9:00AM -10:30AM

LOCATION: Jerome Fire House
101 Main Street
Jerome, AZ 86331

View a flyer for this event [HERE](#).

My staff will hold Constituent Service Hours in Payson on Tuesday, June 18th, 2013.

Staff will answer questions and provide help with the Veterans Administration and veterans' benefits, social security, issues with federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, or issues with the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other federal agencies.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

PAYSON CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

TIME: 11:00am-2:00pm

LOCATION: Office of Gila County Supervisor Tommie Martin
610 E. Hwy. 260

Payson, AZ 85547

For a flyer of this event click [HERE](#).

*Rep. Gosar will not be in attendance.

My staff will also hold Constituent Service Hours in Apache Junction on Tuesday, June 18th, 2013.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH

APACHE JUNCTION CONSTITUENT SERVICE HOURS

TIME: 3:00pm-6:00pm

LOCATION: Apache Junction Library

1177 N Idaho Road

Apache Junction, AZ 85119

For a flyer of this event click [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,



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Member of Congress

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