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## Stand For Your Rights

Dear Friend,

On Wednesday night, Senator Rand Paul held the chamber floor for over 12 hours demanding a guarantee from the Obama Administration that they would not use drones to kill Americans here at home. Senator Paul's filibuster was about more than blocking the President's nominee to the CIA, John Brennan. It was about taking a stand for the rights of each American and for our Constitution.



(Rep. Gosar in the Senate Chamber during Senator Paul's filibuster, March 7th, 2013)

I want to thank the senator for his efforts. I will continue to stand with Senator Paul in fighting for limited government and defending our Constitution.



You can read all of the tweets that I sent during the filibuster by clicking [HERE](#). You can follow me on Twitter @repgosar.

### Business Roundtables in San Tan Valley and Gold Canyon

On Friday, March 8th, I held business roundtables in San Tan Valley and Gold Canyon. As many of the small business owners and local business associations made clear, the federal government needs to get out of the way to allow our

economy to thrive.



(Rep. Gosar speaks to a business roundtable in San Tan Valley, March 8th, 2013)

Many great ideas were shared, from the impact of Obamacare to increasing federal regulations. I want to thank everyone who participated and brought their ideas to the table.

### **We Must Defend Freedom in the Workplace**

Arizona is one of twenty-four “Right-to-Work” states, meaning the law guarantees that no person can be forced, as a condition of employment, to pay dues to a labor union. Our state legislature is debating a variety of measures, including [paycheck protection](#). This will strengthen our state’s existing right to work laws.

Additionally, I am fighting in Congress to implement national reforms. Just this week, I joined Congressman Steve King (R-IA) in introducing the National Right to Work Act (H.R. 946). This legislation secures the right of employees to decide for themselves whether or not to join or financially support a union.

No one should be forced to join a union or pay union dues in order to work. The idea that a worker who refuses to pay union fees could be at risk of losing their job to Big Labor is inconsistent with our American values. Read more [HERE](#).

### **Defending Israel**



Also, this week I introduced a resolution expressing the House of Representatives' unwavering support of Israel's right to defend itself against acts of war. Like every nation, the people of Israel have the right to be safe and the

Israeli government has the moral and legal right to defend itself against existential threats such as the one posed by Iran.

Let this resolution leave no doubt in the Israeli people and their government, that the United States remains deeply committed to Israel's security and supports the right to defend itself against any and all acts of war. I also urged my colleagues to show their solidarity with Israel and support this resolution.

### **Supporting Hydropower**

Arizona has hundreds of miles of canals, laterals, drains, pipelines, and tunnels that are perfectly suitable for hydropower production, but red tape is making development costly. This week, the House Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on legislation - [The Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act \(H.R.678\)](#) - that could create jobs and lower energy prices in rural counties across the West, such as Pinal and Yuma counties.



Our bill will clear away these bureaucratic obstacles. Last year, my friend Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO) and I pushed [this legislation through the House of Representatives](#), but it died in the Democrat-led Senate. This year, we hope to get it across the finish line and to the President's desk for signature.

### **Western Caucus Sends Letter to the President**

As a member of the Congressional Western Caucus I joined my colleagues in sending President Obama a letter with questions and concerns over Sally Jewell's nomination for Secretary of the Department of the Interior (DOI). I wanted to share the full letter with you [HERE](#).



### **Protect Arizona**

Last week, I spoke with WND radio on the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) decision to release illegal immigrants held in Arizona jails. Please click [HERE](#) or the image below to listen.



### **Obamacare Malady of the Week**

GUESS WHO SAID THIS:

"What we've learned through the course of this program is that this is really not a sensible way for the healthcare system to be run."

-Gary Cohen, a director at the Department of Health and Human Services. Read more [HERE](#)

### **Here to Help: Constituent Service Hours**

If you or a loved one are dealing with a veterans' claim or appeal for benefits that seems to be going nowhere, please [contact my office for help today.](#)

Also, my staff will be holding **Constituent Service Hours in Mayer** on Wednesday, March 27th

Mayer Constituent Service Hours  
Wednesday, March 27th

Office Hours: 1:00p.m.–4:00p.m.  
Mayer Fire District Administrative Office  
11975 S. Highway 69  
Mayer, AZ 86333

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 that reads "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

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