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Dear Friend,

On Wednesday, I voted against the massive \$1.1 trillion Omnibus Spending Bill.

I was sent to Congress to cut spending and work toward a balanced budget, not increase spending and balloon our national debt, as this bill does. Your share of the national debt is already more than \$54,000.00, so voting against this bill was a no-brainer.



This bill was conceived in a flawed process that exemplifies dysfunctional Washington. Its 1,582 pages were written behind closed doors and we were given just 48 hours to read it. It is irresponsible to vote on enormous bills no one had time to read. When it comes to rushing bills through Congress, ObamaCare taught us an important lesson: we must demand time to air out legislation and have a conversation with you, the people who elected us.

This bill also screws Western states, which depend on PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) resources for schools and infrastructure in rural areas, as well as police and fire operations. Since federally owned lands are non-taxable, the PILT program was established to replace the property tax revenue local governments would receive were the lands privately owned. There is no solution in this bill; there is only a nonbinding promise that somehow, someday Western states will receive this vital funding in the future. This is bad for the West and bad for Arizona.

Finally, I am troubled by the priorities in this bill. It cuts resources to border

enforcement and embassy security – two of the few areas where we need increased funding – yet increases funding to wasteful and controversial programs.

Click [HERE](#) to read my full statement on this bill.

You Have a Right to Know What's Happening With Your Healthcare

On Thursday, I voted in favor of the Exchange Information Disclosure Act, legislation that requires the Administration to submit weekly reports that detail the performance of healthcare.gov.



Americans have a right to know what's happening with their healthcare system and Congress has a constitutional duty to oversee the administration. Congress and the American people have received only a trickle of information about ObamaCare, and only the information the Obama Administration chose to share with us. We must have access to all of the facts so that we can make informed decisions on how to mitigate the damage this disastrous law is inflicting. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this issue.

Protecting Unborn Children

There were two developments this week in regard to abortion.

First, on Thursday I announced my sponsorship of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, legislation that would make the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer-funded abortions, a permanent law and end funding for abortion insurance coverage in ObamaCare.

This bill permanently protects unborn babies from death by taxpayer-funded abortion. I am proud to co-sponsor this life-saving legislation. Click [HERE](#) to

read more.

Second, the Supreme Court on Monday decided not to review the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling that held unconstitutional an Arizona law protecting the lives of babies 20 weeks and older, effectively striking down the law.

The spurious legacy of Roe continues unabated. This is more than a legal issue; it's an issue of life or death for unborn babies. This law struck a balance that protected women who wanted to terminate their babies' lives, while also keeping older babies from feeling the excruciating pain of death by abortion. I am appalled and dismayed that the Supreme Court of the United States is blocking Arizona's ability to protect its children. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Meeting with Students

On Friday, students of the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) interviewed me on a range of topics, from the FARRM Bill to genetically modified organisms (GMOs). They are a smart group and will have great futures.



(Rep. Gosar meeting with EVIT students, January 17, 2014)

ObamaCare Malady of the Week

28,000: the number of Arizonans who signed up for health insurance on the ObamaCare exchange from October 1 to December 31. To put that number in perspective, Arizona has 6.5 million residents, which means that just four-tenths of one percent of Arizonans signed up for ObamaCare. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Did You Know?

Bagdad, AZ is one of the only company towns left in Arizona. All of the homes and businesses are owned by Freeport-McMoRan, which also owns the nearby copper mine. Though the source of the town's name is unknown, one theory holds that it comes from a father-son team of gold miners. When the son was finished filling a bag, he would pass it to his dad by saying, "Bag, Dad." Others think it is just a misspelling of Baghdad, Iraq.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Kingman Town Hall

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM (AZ)

Location: Mohave County Administration Building
700 W. Beale St.

Kingman, AZ 86402

Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Kingman Veterans Forum

Time: 9:00AM-11:00AM (AZ)

Location: City of Kingman Council Chambers
310 N. Fourth St.

Kingman, AZ 86401

Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Lake Havasu City Town Hall

Time: 6:00PM - 7:00PM (AZ)

Location: Community Center, "Relics and Rods Hall"
100 Park Ave.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Buckeye Town Hall

Time: 6:00PM - 7:30PM (AZ)

Location: APS Facility Auditorium
600 N. Airport Rd.

Buckeye, AZ 85326

Click [HERE](#) to view the event flyer.

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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