



CONGRESSMAN RON BARBER

The 30-Day Report June 19 – July 19, 2012

In his first 30 days in office, Rep. Ron Barber began his work representing Southern Arizona. Below is a report of the various ways in which he served the people of his district – by representing them in Washington, serving them at home in Southern Arizona and listening to constituents, government officials and local organizations about their priorities and concerns.

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Representing Southern Arizona

➤ **Committee assignments:**

- Armed Services Committee
 - Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
 - Strategic Forces Subcommittee
- Homeland Security Committee
 - Transportation Security Subcommittee
 - Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee

➤ **Work in Washington:**

- 3 floor speeches championing issues of concern to the constituents of Southern Arizona including access to affordable health care and supporting our veterans
- Introduced an amendment to adjust the budget for the *Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations* to help reduce the deficit and provide housing vouchers for the estimated 70,000 homeless veterans in the U.S.
- Voted for the *National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act* to assist the Border Patrol in pursuing drug smugglers
- Voted for the *Veteran Skills to Jobs Act* and the *Veterans Cost of Living Allowance* to help veterans find employment and increase the amounts paid to disabled veterans and their survivors
- Voted for the *Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations*, which provides funding for thousands of infrastructure-related jobs in Arizona and which prevented student loan interest rates from doubling
- Voted for the *Department of Defense Appropriations Act of FY2013* to authorize essential funding to support our armed forces and military families, including Southern Arizona's own Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson and Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista
- 24 meetings in Washington, including meetings with Arizona representatives of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and Melinda Burke, president and executive director of the University of Arizona Alumni Association



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Serving Southern Arizona

Fewer than 36 hours after the June 12 special election, Rep. Barber's offices in Tucson and Sierra Vista were open and staff was available to assist constituents with problems encountered when dealing with the federal government. Barber has held several public events, including his first Congress On Your Corner the first weekend after being sworn in.

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➤ **Constituent Services Work:**

- **177** new constituent cases opened and **433** constituent cases from Rep. Giffords' office reopened; **55** cases closed
- **1,491** constituent contacts received by email, telephone, fax or mail

➤ **Constituent and Community events:**

- **3** trips home since taking office on June 19, 2012, with **3** trips to Cochise, Santa Cruz and Pinal Counties
- **1** Congress On Your Corner event with more than 300 attendees
- **1** Solar Power 101 with more than 80 attendees (57th Solar Power 101)
- **1** Border Security Conference Call with the Chief Patrol Agent for the Tucson sector and subcommittee director from the Homeland Security Committee joining ranchers and residents from border communities
- **2** Constituent Services Days at local farmers' markets in Tucson and Oro Valley

Listening to and Working with Southern Arizona

Rep. Barber has met with numerous organizations and individual officials about their priorities for the federal government so that he can effectively advocate on behalf of Southern Arizona.

- **6** Meetings with southern Arizona mayors, including Tucson, Sierra Vista, Benson, Oro Valley, Marana, and Sahuarita
- **4** trips to military bases in southern Arizona, including two trips to Fort Huachuca and two trips to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
- **3** tours and site visits of current and potential Southern Arizona employers, including Raytheon, Tucson International Airport and the proposed unmanned aerial vehicle site at Benson Municipal Airport
- **21** meetings and events in Arizona including meetings with new University of Arizona President Ann Weaver Hart, members of the Pima and Cochise County Boards of Supervisors, the Huachuca 50 and environmental organizations.