



CONGRESSMAN RON BARBER

The 60-Day Report

In his first 60 days in office, Rep. Ron Barber worked to represent his constituents, both in Washington and in Southern Arizona. This report summarizes the way Rep. Barber 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 (Emerging Threats/Capabilities and Strategic Forces subcommittees)
- Homeland Security (Transportation Security and Counterterrorism/Intelligence subcommittees)

➤ Caucuses:

- Border Security
- Veterans Jobs
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education

➤ Work in Washington:

- 4 floor speeches championing issues of concern to the constituents of Southern Arizona including access to affordable health care and supporting our veterans
- 2 bipartisan bills introduced: The *Protecting Veterans Pension Act* to strengthen the Veterans Affairs pension program and combat scams against veterans, and the *United States-Mexico Cross-Border Security Act* to create a cross-border strategy between the U.S. and Mexico to fight Mexican criminal organizations that threaten people on both sides of the border
- 1 amendment to adjust the the *Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations* to help reduce the deficit and provide housing for the estimated 70,000 homeless veterans
- Voted for the *Veteran Skills to Jobs Act* and the *Veterans Cost of Living Allowance* to help veterans find employment and increase payments 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
- 32 meetings in Washington, including with a group working on technology to make it easier for disabled veterans to vote, Arizona representatives of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and a reception for the Arizona Air National Guard.



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Serving Southern Arizona

Within 36 hours after he was elected in June, Rep. Barber's offices in Tucson and Sierra Vista began working to assist constituents with problems they encountered when dealing with the federal government. The congressman has held numerous public events, including his first two Congress On Your Corners.

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➤ **Constituent Services Work:**

- **255** new constituent cases opened and **433** constituent cases from Rep. Giffords' office reopened; **145** cases closed
- **5,884** constituent contacts received by email, telephone, fax or mail

➤ **Constituent and Community events:**

- **31** days in Southern Arizona
- **5** trips home since taking office, with **7** trips to Cochise, Santa Cruz and Pinal counties
- **2** Congress On Your Corners; one in Tucson, one in Sierra Vista
- **1** Solar Power 101 with more than 80 attendees (57th Solar Power 101)
- **4** Constituent Services Days at local farmers' markets in Tucson, Oro Valley and Pima County

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.

- **8** Meetings with southern Arizona mayors from Tucson, Sierra Vista, Benson, Oro Valley, Marana, Sahuarita, Douglas and Huachuca City
- **6** trips to military bases in southern Arizona, including two trips to Fort Huachuca, three to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and one to the 162nd Fighter Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard
- **5** tours and site visits of current and potential Southern Arizona employers, including Raytheon, Cox Communications and Minetec
- **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
- **1** day touring the U.S.-Mexico border, a briefing with Border Patrol officials and meeting with Cochise County ranchers and residents
- **52** meetings and events in Arizona including with members of the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans, members of the D-M 50, the Southern Arizona Bankers Council, the Minuteman Committee of the 162nd Fighter Wing, a liaison with the American Legion, the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Pima County Joint Technical Education District