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Accomplishments Report *2012 - 2013*

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FROM JIM >>

Dear Friend,

In the face of our ballooning debt, out of control spending, dangerous defense cuts, over regulation by the Obama administration, and a host of other issues facing Washington, our nation's capital has been crippled by a lack of leadership.

Rather than providing leadership to help our country's economy, put Americans back to work, and stop deficit spending that is exponentially increasing our debt, President Obama and the Democrats in the Senate have relentlessly pursued their liberal agenda.

I've heard the complaints of many constituents who are concerned about the direction our country is headed under Obama's leadership. I've also heard the concerns from many that the gridlock in Congress has resulted in a "do nothing Congress."

Despite the many obstacles, I have worked hard in my leadership roles to help the people of Oklahoma and to improve the direction of our country.

This year's report outlines how I have been able to get things done in this do nothing Congress.

From adoption to defense issues, and from infrastructure to healthcare matters, I am committed to representing you by getting things accomplished from a conservative perspective that is focused on lower taxes, less government spending, fewer regulations, and a strong national defense.

With steadfast devotion to Oklahoma and the great honor to serve, I will continue to fight in Washington. I hope you find this report helpful and informative

Sincerely,

Jim Inhofe
U.S. Senator from Oklahoma

LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEES:

Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW) Committee

- Ranking Member (2012)
- Senior Member (2013)
- Ranking Member, Oversight Subcommittee (2013)

Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)

- Senior Member (2012)
- Ranking Member (2013)

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

- Ranking Member, Subcommittee on East Asian & Pacific Affairs (2012)

CAUCUSES:

- Adoption Caucus, Co-chair
- Army Caucus, Co-chair
- Taiwanese Caucus, Co-chair
- Unmanned Systems Caucus, Co-chair

- Aerospace Caucus
- Air Force Caucus
- Depot Caucus
- Enforcement First Immigration Caucus
- General Aviation Caucus
- Heart & Stroke Coalition
- Impact Aid Coalition
- Medical Technology Caucus
- Military Families Caucus
- National Guard Caucus
- National Security Working Group
- Natural Gas Caucus
- Pilots' Caucus
- Rural Education Caucus
- Rural Health Caucus
- Sportsman's Caucus
- USO Congressional Caucus
- Veterans Jobs Caucus

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Awards received in 2013:

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American Conservative Union: Conservative Rating Award
Association of Defense Communities: Congressional Leadership Award
Oklahoma Primary Care Association: Appreciation Award



ADOPTION



Inhofe with his granddaughter, Marie, who was adopted from Ethiopia as a baby.

Senator Inhofe and Senator Landrieu continue to co-chair the bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption. In this capacity, Senator Inhofe works to promote adoption, streamline adoption procedures and assist American families with foreign adoptions.

Senator Inhofe has worked with his colleagues to ensure Americans' ability to adopt from Russia. On Dec. 21, 2012, he joined a bipartisan group of 15 requesting that Russian President Vladimir Putin not suspend U.S. adoption of Russian orphans and asked he veto legislation in the Russian Duma. When President Putin ignored U.S. reaction, Senator Inhofe joined his colleagues in introducing S. Resolution 628 condemning the Russian suspension, which passed the U.S. Senate on Jan. 1, 2013.

Senator Inhofe also led an initiative with 16 other members of Congress requesting that Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan implement a system within the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program to better notify foster youth of the federal funds that may be available to support their pursuit of higher education.

Senator Inhofe has worked on the following pieces of legislation:

- **S.3321 and S. 1203, the Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act:** introduced by Senator Inhofe and Senator Landrieu, the bill would establish a National Responsible Father Registry so adoption agencies and attorneys can look up fathers before proceeding with an adoption. A dad who registers to maintain parental rights over his child must be notified of the potential adoption. This would help prevent contested adoptions and mirrors programs in 34 states including Oklahoma.
- **S. 3331, the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012:** Senator Inhofe was a chief cosponsor of the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012, which was passed by the Senate on Dec. 5, 2012 and signed by the President on Jan. 14, 2013 becoming Public Law No. 112-276. Accreditation provides an additional safeguard against corrupt practices and fraudulent adoptions. It applies U.S. adoption accreditation standards to international adoptions so that American families can have the peace of mind that they are involved in legitimate international adoptions.
- **S. Resolution 378:** Senator Inhofe cosponsored the resolution, which would declare that it is the policy of the U.S. Senate to promote stability and permanency for children through adoption. This resolution was introduced with 10 cosponsors and passed the U.S. Senate on Dec. 15, 2012.
- **S. Resolution 462:** Senator Inhofe cosponsored the resolution that would recognize National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges faced by children in the foster care system. This resolution was introduced with 12 cosponsors and passed the U.S. Senate on June 4, 2012.



Senator Inhofe and Marie Rapert joined FOX News' Mike Huckabee on Dec. 24, 2012 for a special on the importance of adoption.

Senator Inhofe shared the story of how his daughter, Molly, adopted Marie from Ethiopia. Marie had been found as an infant and malnourished. It was soon after Marie joined the Inhofe family that Senator Inhofe started the Senate Adoption Caucus to raise awareness and encourage legislation that helps orphans find loving, forever homes.

- **S. Resolution 595:** Senator Inhofe cosponsored this resolution, which would express support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families. This resolution was introduced with 18 cosponsors and passed the U.S. Senate on December 5, 2012.
- **S.1056, the Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2013:** Senator Inhofe cosponsored this legislation, which would make a tax credit for adoption expenses refundable.
- **S.1530, the Children in Families First Act of 2013:** Senator Inhofe cosponsored this legislation, which would realign U.S. foreign assistance to foreign countries by prioritizing children growing up in families; focus on protecting children by preserving, reunifying or creating families through kinship, domestic and international adoption; and strengthen procedures to prevent abuse of children without families.
- **S.1614, Accuracy for Adoptees Act of 2013:** Senator Inhofe cosponsored this legislation, which amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require that a certificate of citizenship or other federal document issued reflect the child's name and date of birth as indicated on a state court order, birth certificate, certificate of foreign birth, certificate of birth abroad, or similar state vital records document issued by the child's U.S. state of residence after the child has been adopted or readopted in that state. This bill was signed into law on January 16, 2014 as Public Law No. 113-74.
- **S.Res.595 (2012) and 294 (2013), a resolution for National Adoption Day and Month:** Senator Inhofe introduced this resolution with Senator Landrieu (D-LA) in which both passed the Senate.

“We must also remember that there is still hope for the overwhelming number of children currently without homes, and we must work to create a cultural climate that can facilitate the dream of every child being cared for by a loving family. Together as co-chairs of the Senate Adoption Caucus, Sen. Landrieu (D-La.) and I continue to work towards making that dream a reality.”

- Senator Jim Inhofe, November 25, 2013



AGRICULTURE

Agriculture has always been a principal part of Oklahoma, and Senator Inhofe believes it is one of his main responsibilities to ensure that the agricultural industry and the family farm is not overburdened with unnecessary regulations, allowing generations of Oklahomans to continue working on their family farms.

The following highlights issues and legislation Senator Inhofe has worked on to benefit Oklahoma agriculture:

Child Farm Labor Regulations at Department of Labor

In Sept. 2011, the Department of Labor proposed a new rule governing the regulations of child labor on agriculture operations preventing many adolescent children from simply doing the work critical to running a farm operation. Senator Inhofe began his opposition to this rule on Oct. 25, 2011 when he joined 31 of his Senate colleagues requesting that the agricultural community have additional time to comment on the regulation. Inhofe then continued to work on repealing the rule until on April 26, 2012, when the Department of Labor pulled the proposal to regulate child labor on farms.

Oklahoma farmers

Senator Inhofe introduced S.1085, Fuel Feedstock Freedom Act, with Senator Snowe (R-ME) and Reps. Bilbray (R-CA-50), Boren (D-OK-2), Issa (R-CA-49), and Moran (D-VA-8) which would allow individual States the option not to participate in the corn ethanol portion of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Senator Inhofe introduced this bill as S. Amendment 961 with Senator Vitter (R-LA) to the Farm Bill.

"[T]his legislation is a big step toward leveling the playing field for a bushel of corn. Allowing states to opt out of the RFS and expanding eligibility for the cellulosic ethanol carve out applies some much needed common sense to renewable energy policy. It's time to take the training wheels off of the corn-based ethanol industry and we urge all members of Congress to support this bill."

- Bill Donald, President of National Cattlemen's Beef Association



Agricultural Research

Senator Inhofe was a lead cosponsor along with 7 colleagues of the bipartisan Charitable Agricultural Research Act (S.1280), which would provide for the creation of Agriculture Research Organizations (AROs). This act would extend public charity tax status to entities conducting continuous agriculture research and development in collaboration with land-grant universities and agriculture colleges. This provision of the law is of particular importance today as Washington continues to trim discretionary spending budgets, and is also of particular importance to the Sam R. Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Rural Infrastructure

Senator Inhofe led an initiative to prioritize the USDA Small Watershed program, administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This program is crucial to Oklahoma's rural communities and agriculture. It's strongly supported by Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts because this program will protect 1,532 county and highway bridges, while



providing flood prevention for 20,541 farms and ranches in Oklahoma. The watershed rehabilitation program has been responsible for 321 watershed dams throughout the state, and the program works on a cost sharing basis with local communities. As a result, communities across Oklahoma have safe, effective flood control and a reliable water supply. Senator Inhofe and Rep. Lucas (R-OK-3), Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, have long worked to ensure that this program is directed for flood prevention and for the benefit of Oklahoma's rural communities.

Farm Transportation

Farmers in Oklahoma have long faced challenges transporting their crops across state lines. Because of arcane and unclear federal regulations, Oklahoma farmers often trigger commercial drivers license requirements when crossing state lines, which has resulted in unnecessary ticketing. Senator Inhofe first began working on this issue in 2009, when he introduced S. 639. In 2011, Rep. James Lankford (R-OK-5) reintroduced similar legislation, H.R. 3414, the Farmers' Freedom Act of 2011

exempting farm trucks from the burdensome commercial vehicle regulations that are mandated by federal law. The legislation does this by exempting farm trucks from CDL requirements when traveling completely within their state or up to 150 miles from their farm if traveling out of state. Senator Inhofe worked with Senator Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) to ensure this language was included in the 2012 Highway Transportation Reauthorization bill, offering S. Amendment 1814.

This amendment was adopted by voice-vote to MAP-21, the Highway Bill, and was ultimately enacted as part of the in the Highway Bill, which was signed by the President and became Public Law No. 112-141 on July 6, 2012.

Spill Prevention Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Regulations

In an effort to prevent oil spills, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that certain facilities develop and implement oil spill prevention, control, and countermeasures. It is common practice for farms and ranches to have fuel storage tanks and containers. Unfortunately, many of the provisions of this rule go far beyond the common-sense approach that should be taken when crafting government regulations. This rule requires farmers all across America to implement new containment measures for fuels they use on their farms and requires a certification from an engineer, which farmers are not even able to find in many states. Senator Inhofe has been working to lessen the regulatory burden of the SPCC rule for some time. In June 2011, Senator Inhofe and 32 Senators sent a bipartisan letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson requesting that EPA extend the implementation timeline for the amended SPCC rule for farmers, and work to ensure that the rule is not overly burdensome or confusing. In Nov. 2011, the EPA announced it would be extending the SPCC compliance date to May 10, 2013 - a victory for farmers struggling to comply with the rule.

On June 6, 2012, Senator Inhofe offered S. Amendment 2251 to the Farm Bill with Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) to provide a full exemption to this rule for most farmers. Because this amendment was not considered, Senator Inhofe introduced S. 3559 with Senator Mark Pryor (D-Ark.) to accomplish the same thing. Its companion legislation, H.R. 3158, passed the House on August 2, 2012.

Finally, in March 2013, Senator Inhofe successfully amended the Continuing Resolution (H.R. 933) further delaying the EPA's implementation of the SPCC rule.



9 ways the NDAA directly benefits Oklahoma

1. RC-26B: Senator Inhofe worked to secure changes in the FY'13 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to the Air Force's force structure, which includes adding 11 Air National Guard RC-26B aircraft at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base by 2015. This is a win for the Oklahoma National Guard because bringing the unit together will enhance operations, reduce costs and provide the capability to rapidly support operations in Asia, the Middle East, or anywhere in the world. The RC-26B Condor provides battlefield intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) and has been supporting operations in U.S. Central Command's area of operations continuously for over five years.

2. C-130: In the FY'13 NDAA, Senator Inhofe worked to include language in the bill to stop the Air Force from cancelling the C-130 Aviation Modernization Program (AMP). AMP, a Boeing program that employs hundreds in Oklahoma City, modernizes the C-130H fleet with a digital glass cockpit and a new digital avionics system, reducing aircraft operating costs and providing increased combat capability. In the FY'14 NDAA, Senator Inhofe worked to include language requiring the Comptroller General to review the recently completed cost-benefit analysis on avionics modernization, including any findings and recommendations relating to the review. The agreement also included language recommending an increase of \$47.3 million for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for C-130 Airlift Squadrons, pending the completion of the review.

3. Cybersecurity: The FY'13 NDAA requires the Air Force to increase the number of contractors eligible to be awarded contracts under the Air Force's Network-Centric Solutions-2 (NETCENTS-2) program. In the FY'14 NDAA, Inhofe worked to include language that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the capability of each military service to operate in a hostile cyber environment and directing the National Security Agency to examine the problem of detecting and remediating vulnerabilities in the software that controls the power for mobile devices. Every critical system from ground vehicle electronic systems and next generation aircraft to satellites and missile defense systems must be assessed to ensure that critical warfighting capabilities are not undermined. Institutions and universities, such as the University of Tulsa Institute for Information Security, will play a key role in assisting DOD and its services advance DoD's cyber security programs.

4. Counseling & Care: The FY'13 NDAA required the Pentagon to streamline and improve the over 200 programs developed to care for our service members, their families and our veterans dealing with mental health issues, suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This is a key issue for the University of Oklahoma's Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics (ANAM) program as well as programs at the University of Central Oklahoma and Mid-America Christian University.

5. Paladin Integrated Management Program: The Army requested that Congress move funding from procurement to Research and Development accounts to advance testing of the Paladin Integrated Management (PIM) program. The Army intends to hold to the program's current schedule, which is especially important because PIM will be integrated in Elgin, Oklahoma. Senator Inhofe fully supports the program and expects the Army to continue to review the development schedule for other ways to accelerate the program while retaining cost. The PIM report language in the FY'14 NDAA expresses congressional support for the program and recommends approval for the Army's budget.

6. Meteorological & Weather Analysis Capabilities and Training Requirements: In the FY'14 NDAA, Senator Inhofe included report language directing the Air Force Weather Agency to focus modernization efforts on those capabilities required to collect, analyze, predict, tailor, and integrate accurate, timely, and relevant weather data for the warfighter. This language would allow groups and universities such as the University of Oklahoma to assist the Air Force in creating modernized meteorological and weather analysis training programs that will improve our warfighting capabilities.

7. Civil Air Patrol: Senator Inhofe included language in the FY'14 NDAA that would allow the Oklahoma Civil Air Patrol to ensure it has adequate resources to carry out its operations to include search and rescue, counterdrug, disaster relief, humanitarian services, and support to the Air Force.

8. War Readiness Engine: The Air Force currently faces a shortfall of useable engines for the F-15 and F-16 fleets despite its reliance on these fighter jets well into the foreseeable future. Therefore, Senator Inhofe supported report language in the FY'14 NDAA that urges the Secretary of the Air Force to include sufficient resources for engines in order to avoid degrading readiness. This would allow installations repairing and maintaining these engines, such as Tinker Air Force Base, to have the resources required to eliminate the shortfall of these engines.

9. Impact Aid: Senator Inhofe was successful in ensuring language was included in the FY'14 NDAA that authorizes \$25 million to supplemental Impact Aid to local education agencies with military dependent children which covers many communities in Oklahoma. The bill also includes an additional \$5 million for schools with military children with severe disabilities.



For the 52 consecutive years, the U.S. Congress has passed with strong bipartisan support the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which specifically authorizes all military and national defense programs within the Department of Defense (DoD). Each year, as a senior member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and now as the Ranking Member, Senator Inhofe has the opportunity to ensure the United States' Armed services have the resources and authority needed to protect our nation and that Oklahoma is at the forefront of our national security. In 2013, as the head Republican on the committee, he worked to enact the FY'14 NDAA which was signed into law on Dec. 26, 2013 as Public Law No. 113-66. This bill requires a **full audit of the Defense Department** and **prohibits funding for another BRAC round.**

Protecting Religious Freedom of Service Members

Due to reports of religious persecution within the U.S. military, Senator Inhofe supported the inclusion of language in the FY'14 NDAA which would protect the rights of the members of the armed forces and chaplains by making it explicit in law that not only beliefs must be protected but expressions of beliefs as well. The agreement also includes a provision that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a survey of military chaplains to assess whether restrictions placed on prayers offered in public or non-religious settings have prevented them from exercising the tenets of their faith, and whether those restrictions have impacted their ability to fulfill their duties to minister to the men and women in uniform and their families.

Abortions in DoD Medical Treatment Facilities

Senator Inhofe does not support the use of tax dollars for abortions. He has supported striking language that would have authorized privately funded elective abortions in military medical facilities.

“Senator Inhofe has led the way in protecting the rights of service members to freely practice and express their faith. His leadership on the Defense Authorization Act is vital to putting an end to the chilling suppression of religious freedom that is driving faith underground in our military. I also applaud his continued commitment to protecting unborn children and their mothers. American families can also thank Senator Inhofe for his work to ensure that they aren't forced to pay for abortion on demand.” -Family Research Council President Tony Perkins

Sexual Assault

The NDAA included 26 changes to the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and DoD policy. These provisions will increase protection for victims of crime and keep the commanders involved in the discipline of the servicemen and women in their command.

National Guard Counter Drug Program

The drastic funding cuts to the National Guard Counter Drug program (CDP) have made it difficult to efficiently and effectively maintain operations. The CDP plays an important role in providing military-specific capabilities and expertise within the National Guard in order to support the counter drug activities of federal, state, and local authorities. Senator Inhofe included language that encourages the DoD to continue to support and provide funding that would ensure the National Guard, to include the Oklahoma National Guard, is able to sustain its CDP operations.

U.N. Arms Trade Treaty

Senator Inhofe included a provision that prohibits the DoD from using any funds to implement the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty. The bill language protects against possible infringement on Constitutional rights while still allowing the United States to help our friends and allies build controls that will keep terrorists from obtaining weapons.

Small Business 8(a) Contractors

Section 811 of the FY'10 NDAA required the DoD contracting officers to provide a Justification and Approval (J&A) to obtain approval by the head of the agency before awarding some small business contracts. This provision resulted in negative impacts to Small Business 8(a) contractors and Native American contractors. Senator Inhofe worked with Senator Hirono (D-Hawaii) to include report language that would clarify Section 811 and issue guidance regarding the proper use and implementation of Section 811.

“The Native American Contractors Association added, “The Native American Contractors Association appreciates Senator Inhofe’s continued leadership to support the Native 8(a) program. The program is an example of successful federal Indian policy, and is vitally important to the growth and self-determination of Native communities. Indian Country is grateful for Senator Inhofe’s steadfast leadership on Native issues and concerns.”

Troops-to-Teachers

The drawdown in Afghanistan and current personnel reductions of the Armed Forces will force more of our service members into the job market. The Troops-to-Teachers program would assist returning service members and veterans transition into the teaching profession. The language by Senator Inhofe urges the Secretary of Defense to report on the program and include an evaluation of whether there is a need to broaden eligibility to allow service members and veterans without a bachelor's degree admission into the program, and stipulates that a pilot program should be established to demonstrate the benefit of an institutional based award for troops to teachers.

Maintaining and Sustaining Our Bomber Force

Senator Inhofe worked to include language in several parts of this bill that authorizes continued modernization and development of our bomber fleets to include the B-1 and B-52. It also authorizes Long Range Strike design and development, as well as recommending the continued prioritization of the development and acquisition of



the Long-Range Strike Bomber Program. Bombers continue to be critical to our national defense and Tinker Air Force Base provides the vital depot work to sustain the B-1 and B-52 bombers, as well as the engineering support on the B-2 bomber. Additionally, the bill prohibits the elimination of any leg of the nuclear triad: intercontinental ballistic missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and nuclear-certified strategic bombers.

**Education & Training of the Acquisition Workforce
TRICARE Management Activity**

The DoD Inspector General audit of May 1, 2013 found that acquisition personnel of the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) “did not have required certifications for their functional areas, accurate position descriptions for their assigned duties, or proper training.” Therefore, Senator Inhofe included report language that the DoD must ensure that the TMA’s acquisition management process meets workforce training and certification requirements, and requires a report on these matters.

Department of Defense STARBASE Program

STARBASE is a DoD program that focuses on elementary students who live in inner cities or rural locations, those who are socio-economically disadvantaged, low academic performance or have a disability. The program, run by our service men and women, helps raise interest in critical skills such as science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Over 500,000 students across the country have participated in STARBASE, including many Oklahoma students.

Traumatic Brain Injury

The DoD is currently conducting pilot studies to determine the effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for the treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Senator Inhofe included report language directing the Secretary of Defense to provide a report within 180 days of the completion of the pilot program to help direct policy changes for patients to receive hyperbaric therapy if the pilot studies show hyperbaric oxygen therapy to be effective.

“I thank Senator Inhofe for stepping out ahead to try and take care of the young men and women who return to us with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). We know that TBI can lead to so many other issues, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and incarceration for inappropriate behavior. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is one of the very few in treatments available for these soldiers returning from stressful and life changing events overseas. In Oklahoma, we have over 17,000 patients suffering from TBI. This provision will be crucial to help them return to a normal state.”

- State of Oklahoma Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs, U.S. Air National Guard Major General (Ret.) Rita A. Aragon

Africa

United States Security Assistance Strategies in Africa

Senator Inhofe supported three provisions that would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategic framework for U.S. counterterrorism assistance and cooperation in North Africa, properly resource our U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) and provide military-to-military assistance to Somalia, the Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Partnership, Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara, and increased cooperation with the Somali National Security Forces to confront international security threats. The agreement requires an interagency strategy that supports recent security and political gains in Somalia, a classified intelligence assessment of al Shabbab, and designate an existing senior US Government official with existing interagency authority for export policy for Africa to coordinate among US agencies. Additionally, with the increase in number of armed robbery at sea and piracy attacks in the Gulf of Guinea, the Secretary of Defense is required to brief the congressional defense committees on DOD strategy to combat these maritime threats. Lastly, the agreement included a provision addressing the importance of bringing to justice those individuals who committed or aided in the commission of the September 11, 2012 terrorist attack on the American facility in Benghazi, Libya.

Support of Foreign Forces Participating in Operations to Disarm the Lord’s Resistance Army

Senator Inhofe included a provision that would authorize the DoD to obligate funding to provide logistical support to the national military forces of Uganda and other partner nations to mitigate or eliminate the threat posed by the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) and bring an end to the 20-year murderous campaign of LRA leader Joseph Kony, who has killed thousands, displaced over 1 million and kidnapped more than 30,000 children – turning them into child soldiers. Senator Inhofe has worked for many years in partnership with organizations like Invisible Children and Resolve which remain dedicated to the end of Joseph Kony and his LRA’s reign of terror in eastern Congo and Central Africa.

Michael Poffenberger with The Resolve organization said, “Ongoing US support for efforts to stop Joseph Kony’s crimes against civilians has helped fracture the LRA, nab one of Kony’s top deputies, and reduced the LRA’s destabilizing attacks. The funds in this year’s defense authorization bill championed by Senator Inhofe will ensure this progress continues, so that this human rights crisis can finally be ended.”

Mental Health Counselors

Years of combat operations have taken their toll on the mental health of our active duty, Guard, and Reserve service members. To ensure adequate mental health counseling resources are available, Senator Inhofe included report language directing the Secretary



of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a joint report that describes a coordinated, unified plan to ensure adequate resources to meet the needs of our military members and their families. The plan and report will consider all available types of trained counseling providers including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, chaplains, and other counseling professionals who will be available to address these long-term needs.

“The National Board for Certified Counselors applauds Senator Inhofe for his commitment to ensuring a robust mental health workforce for our Service members and their families. The increase in mental health and addiction problems among our military personnel and the strains on their families are a public tragedy and they are exacerbated by a provider shortage. Requiring the Departments of Defense and Veteran Affairs to establish a workforce plan for mental health counseling is a critical step to ensuring these military heroes obtain the care that they deserve. Mental health counselors, who comprise 25% of the behavioral health workforce, stand ready to help these departments meet their needs.”

–The National Board for Certified Counselors.

Missile Defense

Since entering office, President Obama has curtailed development and has cut funding for the Ground-based midcourse defense (GMD) system, the only missile defense system capable of protecting the homeland against long-range missile threats from countries such as Iran and North Korea. Senator Inhofe believes the development and deployment of a new kill vehicle for the ground-based interceptor is necessary to keep pace with the growing threat and should therefore be a top priority. This bill includes \$210 million in additional funding to improve and modernize the GMD system for the protection of the United States.



Visiting Troops in Afghanistan

CODE TALKERS



Since 2002, Senator Inhofe has introduced legislation and worked to honor Native American Code Talkers, who served in World Wars I and II. Ultimately, in 2008, Inhofe worked closely with former Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK-2) to pass through Congress H.R. 4544, the companion legislation to Inhofe’s Code Talkers Recognition Act (S.2681). Later that year, the President signed it into law as Public Law 110-420. In Nov. 2013, Code Talkers and their families on behalf of 33 Native American Tribes received the Congressional Gold Medal in Emancipation Hall of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center where Senator Inhofe delivered remarks along with leaders from both the House and the Senate. The following tribes from Oklahoma received congressional gold medals: Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation, Comanche Nation, Pawnee Nation, Osage Tribe, Kiowa Tribe, Seminole Nation, Muskogee Creek Nation, Ponca Tribe, and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

In Feb. 2013, Senator Inhofe cosponsored S.309 that would award the Congressional Gold Medal to WWII Members of the Civil Air Patrol, and in April 2013, Senator Inhofe introduced S. 789 to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the First Special Service Force in recognition of its superior service in WWII.



Pilots Bill of Rights

One of Senator Inhofe's principal initiatives in the 112th Congress was introduction and enactment of the Pilots Bill of Rights, S. 1335. Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO-06) was the author of the House version of the bill. With 65 cosponsors, Inhofe's Pilots' Bill of Rights was signed into law on August 3, 2012 becoming Public Law No. 112-153.

The key components of the Pilot's Bill of Rights included making Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) enforcement proceedings and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) reviews fair to pilots and improving the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) Program and FAA medical certification program.

The bill accomplishes these goals by:

Requiring that in an FAA enforcement action against a pilot, the FAA must grant the pilot all relevant evidence 30 days prior to a decision to proceed with an enforcement action. This is currently not the case and often leaves the pilot grossly uninformed of his or her alleged violation and potential recourse.

Making contractor-run flight service station and contract tower communications available to airmen. Currently, if a request is made for flight service station information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), it is denied to the requestor because the contractor is not the government. However, the contractor is performing an inherently governmental function and this information should be available to pilots who need it to defend themselves in an enforcement proceeding.

Removing the special statutory deference as it relates to NTSB reviews of FAA actions. Too often the NTSB rubber stamps a decision of the FAA, giving wide latitude to the FAA and making the appeals process meaningless. This returns NTSB's deference to the FAA to general administrative law principles, just like every other government agency.

Allowing Federal district court review of appeals from the NTSB, at the election of the appellant. This is important because a review by the Federal district court is de novo, meaning the pilot gets a new trial with the ability to introduce evidence and a new review of the facts.

Requiring that the FAA undertake a NOTAM Improvement Program, requiring simplification and archival of NOTAMs in a central location. The process by which NOTAMs are provided by the FAA has long needed revision. This will ensure that the most relevant information reaches the pilot. Currently, FAA makes pilots responsible for knowledge of pre-flight conditions. Non-profit general aviation groups will make up an advisory panel to provide guidance and suggest improvements.

Improving the Medical Certification Review. The FAA's medical certification process has long been known to present a multitude of problems for pilots seeking an airman certificate. The bill requires a Government Accountability Office (GAO) review of the FAA's medical certification process and forms, with the goal of demonstrating how the FAA can provide greater clarity in the questions and reduce the instances of misinterpretation that have, in the past, lead to allegations of intentional falsification against pilots. Non-profit general aviation groups will make up an advisory panel, which will give advice to the FAA on how the medical certification process can be improved. The FAA is required to take appropriate action on the GAO recommendations within one year.



Senator Inhofe spoke with Aviat Aircraft in August 2013 about the development of CNG fueled planes.

Enid Woodring Airport

Senator Inhofe worked with the Oklahoma Aeronautical Commission, Vance Air Force Base, and the community of Enid, Okla., on a \$4.8 million expansion of the runway at Enid's Woodring Airport. Enid Woodring Airport currently has a 6,249 foot runway which is heavily used by Vance Air Force Base for the training missions of its T-1 and T-6 aircraft. The additional 1,800 feet length would allow new operations including the T-38 aircraft. Adding new operations keeps Vance Air Force Base crucial to national defense keeping operations in Enid and protecting Enid jobs.

Senator Inhofe has continued to work with the Senate General Aviation Caucus against new user fees, working with the FAA and Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission in their implementation of the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act, and working to ensure FAA does not impose burdensome regulations on the general aviation community through the Unleaded Avgas Transition-Aviation Advisory Committee report.

Protecting the Skies

Senator Inhofe has been fighting to keep the Contract Tower Program fully funded since the Department of Transportation (DOT) announced in March 2013 that it would be closing 149 of the then-251 FAA contract control towers as a result of sequestration budget cuts. Six Oklahoma towers were originally targeted: Enid, Lawton, Norman, Stillwater, Ardmore, and Wiley Post. Only Ardmore and Enid were spared the initial cut. Senator Inhofe worked with many of his colleagues to ensure that these six towers in Oklahoma continue to remain open. On April 17, 2013, Senator Inhofe cosponsored the Protect Our Skies Act (S. 687) that would protect the cost-effective contract tower program and prohibit the DOT from closing any contract towers.

On May 3, 2013, Senator Inhofe sent a letter with 41 other Senators to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood requesting full funding for the Contract Control Tower Program. On May 10, Senator Inhofe spoke directly to Secretary LaHood again urging him to use the authority of the Reducing Flight Delays Act to keep the contract towers open. Later that day, it was announced by Sec. LaHood that the FAA would transfer funds to keep all 149 contract towers open.

American Airlines

When the U.S. Department of Justice slowed the merger between U.S. Airways and American Airlines, Senator Inhofe joined with the Oklahoma delegation in support of the merger, which was approved in Nov. 2013.



Boy Scouts



Senator Inhofe visits with the Scouts and Leaders of troop 26 of Tulsa outside the U.S. Capitol on July 25, 2013.

Senator Inhofe first introduced the Help to Access Land for the Education of Scouts (HALE) Act, S. 610, in 2008 and worked with former Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK-2) to enact this important legislation. The bill authorized the U.S. Forest Service to sell 140 acres of land from the Ouachita Forest to the Indian Nations Council of Boy Scouts, which is needed to expand the size of the growing and popular Scout Camp. The HALE Act passed unanimously on March 15, 2012 and was signed into law on April 2, 2012 as Public Law 112-103.

Bill Haines, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Nations Council, said, “The Indian Nations Council thanks Senator Inhofe and Congressman Boren for their hard work in passing this important legislation. For years, the Indian Nations Council worked with Congress and the Forest Service to pass legislation to allow thousands of additional scouts to attend camp in Oklahoma every year. Because of Senator Inhofe’s and Congressman Boren’s dedication to scouts and leadership opportunities, I am pleased that additional scouts may be able to attend camp this year. Thank you, Senator Inhofe and Congressman Boren!”

Budget & Spending



OKLAHOMA & NATIONAL SECURITY BUDGET

Oklahoma has already felt the effects of budget cuts to our national security under sequestration while social programs have received less of the cuts. In 2012, the Air Force cut 1,131 military and civilian personnel in Oklahoma. In 2013, Oklahoma lost 600 positions at Tinker in the 3rd Combat Herd, 200 Boeing jobs, 3 KC-135s in Altus, and the delay of the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program.

National security should not be on the chopping block so Senator Inhofe has worked to cut government spending with common sense solutions to the nation's budget problems. In 2012, he introduced S. 3473 to protect our national security and pay for it all with smart reforms to mandatory entitlement programs and cuts to non-defense discretionary spending. *Here's how it works:*

In 2011, Senator Inhofe voted against the Budget Control Act (BCA) because it raised the debt ceiling by another \$2.1 trillion. Part of the debt ceiling increase included a steep cut to our national security of roughly \$500 billion, bringing the total of budget cuts to defense to \$1.2 trillion under the Obama Administration. Senator Inhofe has long been concerned that these cuts will result in the U.S. having the smallest ground forces since 1940, the smallest fleet of ships since 1915, and the smallest tactical fighter force in the history of the Air Force.

Repeals Obamacare and Block Grant Medicaid Saving \$1.1 tril
Cuts non-defense discretionary spending to FY'06 levels . Saving \$952 bil
Block Grant the Food Stamp Program Saving \$285 bil
Shrinks the Federal Workforce through Attrition Saving \$144 bil
Repeals all future climate change spending Saving \$83 bil
Enacts Comprehensive Medical Malpractice Reform Saving \$74 bil

In 2013, Senator Inhofe introduced S.16 and S.799 with Senator Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) to provide the DoD and other agencies the ability to prioritize the programs within respective agencies that require cuts under the BCA. This method would allow the DoD to make cuts to lower priority programs instead of implementing the across-the-board cuts required under the BCA that are threatening our national security. On Feb. 28, 2013, Senator Inhofe's bill, S.16, was presented as the Republican alternative to sequestration and received a vote in the Senate. Despite receiving bipartisan support, the bill ultimately failed passage due to a veto threat from President Obama.

"It's clear the President is concerned about the bill Sen. Toomey and I have introduced, because he knows this is the bipartisan solution that places the onus on him to mitigate the devastating impacts of sequestration cuts he set into motion this year...On Feb. 19th, the President said sequestration doesn't 'consider whether we're cutting some bloated program that has outlived its usefulness, or a vital service that Americans depend on every single day. It doesn't make those distinctions.' Our bill gives him the ability to work with Congress to make those distinctions to address bloated programs, yet now he wants to veto it. This veto threat simply continues the sad and broken narrative of President Obama that the only way to protect our national security and critical federal services is by asking hardworking Americans to pay more taxes. But sequestration is not about taxes. Sequestration is a law solely focused on cutting federal spending, and that must be the focus of this debate."

- Senator Jim Inhofe, Feb. 28, 2013

In 2012, Senator Inhofe introduced S. 3602, the Food Stamp Restoration Act. Since 2008, spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has increased by 100 percent. In 2008, the program cost taxpayers \$37 billion and 28 million people were enrolled. This year, food stamps will cost \$80 billion and a record 46.7 million people are on the program. This legislation would cut \$300 billion over ten years simply by taking the program back to the coverage levels of 2005, with benefits adjusted upward for inflation. Senator Inhofe offered this bill as an amendment to the farm bill in 2013 as S. Amendment 960 which unfortunately failed by a vote of 36-60 on May 22, 2013.



Education



Senator Inhofe believes...

**Oklahoma parents & local officials,
not Washington bureaucrats,
know how to BEST educate
Oklahoma's children.**



Senator Inhofe has consistently supported shifting more of the decision-making power in education from the federal level to state and local levels and will continue to do so.



Impact Aid for Oklahoma schools

Senator Inhofe has long been a supporter of fully funding Impact Aid, the program that reimburses school districts for ad valorem revenues lost due to the location of federal property in those districts. Impact Aid is the only federal education funding that comes with no strings attached and can be used for a wide array of educational needs. Many schools in Oklahoma rely on funds received from Impact Aid to keep their teachers paid, their resources updated, and their doors open.

Senator Inhofe has consistently led a bipartisan initiative to ensure that Impact Aid remains a priority in federal education funding. As the Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, he ensured that the FY'14 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes not only a \$25 million authorization for supplemental Impact Aid to local

education agencies with military dependent children, but also includes additional authorization for schools with military children with severe disabilities. Furthermore, Senator Inhofe included Section 8002 of the FY'13 NDAA to ensure schools are paid more timely. This will have a positive impact not only in the military communities of Altus, Lawton, Enid, McAlester, and Oklahoma City, but in all communities across Oklahoma containing federal land.

Senator Inhofe also cosponsored S. 595, the Impact Aid Timely Repayment Act requiring the Secretary of Education to complete Impact Aid payments to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) within three fiscal years of their appropriation.

Rural Education and Infrastructure

Senator Inhofe worked to include S. Amendment 1825 to S. 1813, (the 2012 federal highway legislation, MAP-21). As a principal author of the federal highway bill and manager of the bill while the U.S. Senate considered it and its amendments, Senator Inhofe shepherded this amendment which extended the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) programs for an additional year. This amendment was adopted by voice-vote to



MAP-21, the Highway Bill, and was ultimately enacted as part of the highway bill, Public Law No. 112-141 as Section 32934, which was signed by the President on July 6, 2012. These programs provide continued compensation to rural counties for local road improvements and schools. Last year, Oklahoma received \$1.2 million through the SRS program and another \$2.6 million in payments in lieu of taxes. Under the guidelines of the PILT program, 65 counties in Oklahoma are eligible for funding. Since then, SRS has funded roadway improvements in McCurtain and LeFlore counties.

Senator Inhofe joined his colleagues to introduce the following bills concerning state authority on education and student loans:

- **S. 827, the A PLUS Act:** Gives greater flexibility to states by allowing them to consolidate federal education programs and funding to better meet their specific needs in exchange for greater transparency about academic results.
- **S. 1139, the Servicemember Student Loan Interest Relief Act:** Provides relief to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in hostile areas from accrual of interest on their student loans.
- **S. 2366, Interest Rate Reduction Act:** Provides interest rate relief making the 3.4% interest rate on direct Stafford loans first disbursed to undergraduate students between July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012, applicable to Direct Stafford loans disbursed to undergraduate students between July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2013.
- **S. 427: Sensible School Lunch Act:** Prohibits rules and regulations applicable to the school lunch and breakfast programs that establish a maximum quantity of grains, meat, or meat alternates that may be served in any meal or during any period of time of any school year.
- **S. 1210: Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A-PLUS) Act:** Alternative to Elementary and Secondary Education Act that gives States greater flexibility in how they use education funds and set standards
- **S. 1503: School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act:** Allows schools to have epinephrine autoinjectors (Epi pens) on site in case of emergency.

Protecting Tuition Assistance for Members of the Armed Services

On March 13, 2013, Senator Inhofe and Senator Hagan (D-N.C.) along with the support of 20 other Senators introduced Senate Amendment 72 to the Continuing Resolution (H.R. 933), legislation which funds the government. The Inhofe-Hagan Amendment successfully passed the Senate on March 20 and reversed a decision within the Obama Administration to end tuition assistance for our service members due to sequestration budget cuts. As a result of Senator Inhofe's work, tuition assistance was restored to a quarter-million active duty service members. In 2012, more than 300,000 service members took 870,000 classes and earned 50,500 degrees and certificates. This is a promise the nation made to our service members when they join the military, and the Obama Administration chose to cut tuition reimbursement among the many other budget items turning it into an example of politicizing sequestration.

"We at Oklahoma State University, as well as all those involved in higher education in the state of Oklahoma, are grateful to you for your efforts to restore tuition assistance programs to members of the Armed Forces. Without that assistance, many of the men and women who have sacrificed for the betterment of their country would not be able to further their education and reach their professional goals. Again, thanks for your support on this critical issue."

-V. Burns Hargis,
President, Oklahoma State University,
March 25, 2013



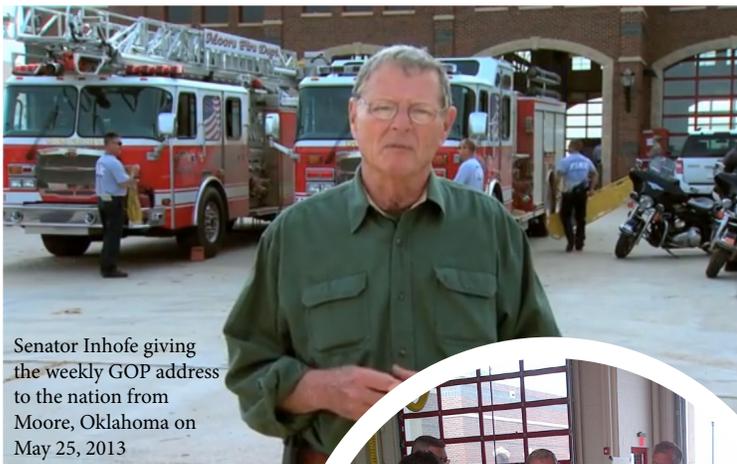
Emergency Response

Oklahoma is often the center of the most severe weather. Senator Inhofe consistently works to ensure funding for the National Mesonet program. Oklahoma is leading in the nation for severe weather detection under the direction of the Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma. This not only benefits Oklahoma, but also provides safe, early warning capabilities to the entire country.

Senator Inhofe introduced S. 1583 with three Senators to amend the tax code to provide a tax deduction of the purchase, construction, and installation of a safe room or storm shelter. This mirrors Oklahoma state legislation which resulted in the new construction of safe rooms protecting Oklahomans from future severe weather.

Senator Inhofe also joined Senator Shelby (R-Ala.) in sponsoring S. 1205, the Southeastern Disaster Tax Relief Act, which would provide targeted tax relief for states affected by severe storms.

In May 2013, when Oklahoma was struck with devastating tornadoes, Senator Inhofe organized an urgent trip to bring the Oklahoma delegation together to tour the areas hit hardest by the storm and to talk with victims and first responders. On May 25, Senator Inhofe was able to sustain the national attention on Oklahoma's needs by appearing in the Weekly Republican Address, which was recorded on site at the fire station in Moore, Okla. and for the first time outside of a studio.



Senator Inhofe giving the weekly GOP address to the nation from Moore, Oklahoma on May 25, 2013



**Remember
Moore
2013**



Senator Inhofe has served for 10 years as either the chairman or the ranking Republican member of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee (January 2003- January 2013).

In that role and now as senior member on the committee in 2013, Senator Inhofe fights overreaching government regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), among other government agencies, while ensuring that Oklahoma benefits from national infrastructure planning for the future such as in the previous two national highway reauthorizations, the previous reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007.

Ensuring Oklahoma's Seat at the Table

Senator Inhofe has continued to use his leadership position on the EPW Committee to address regulation that would destroy domestic energy production. He also uses his leadership on the committee to ensure that Oklahomans have a seat at the decision-making table often hosting Oklahoma citizens as witnesses at committee hearings. On June 19, 2012, Senator Inhofe welcomed Mr. Darren Smith, Environmental Manager for Devon Energy Corporation headquartered in Oklahoma City. Mr. Smith addressed EPA's flawed analysis behind its new air regulations on the oil and natural gas industries. He explained that EPA's misperception of initial production from gas wells has led to a drastic overestimate of methane emissions from hydraulically fractured gas wells and this has allowed EPA to justify the promulgation of new air standards for the natural gas industry. This is simply one of a list of overreaching regulations from the EPA. Senator Inhofe welcomed Mr. Smith back for an EPW Oversight Subcommittee hearing on Nov. 5, 2013, to discuss fugitive methane emissions from oil and gas operations.



Energy Independence Today

America could be independent of Middle East imports if it were merely just allowed to develop its own resources.



Oil – America, the world's third-largest oil producer, possesses 163 billion barrels of recoverable oil. That's enough oil to maintain America's current rates of production and replace imports from the Persian Gulf for more than 50 years.

Natural Gas – America's future supply of natural gas is 2,047 trillion cubic feet (TCF). At today's rate of use, this is enough natural gas to meet American demand for 90 years.

Coal – The report also shows that America is number one in coal resources, accounting for more than 28 percent of the world's coal.

President Obama likes using the talking point that the U.S. possesses simply 2 percent of world's proven oil reserves. The facts are different, and the U.S. is rich in new fossil fuel production. Senator Inhofe is fighting against President Obama's war on domestic energy.



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HOLDING THE EPA ACCOUNTABLE



Natural Gas Vehicles

In 2008, Senator Inhofe began working on the first legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate to encourage greater adoption of natural gas vehicles (NGVs). He introduced the Drive America on Natural Gas Act, which among other things, would have broadened the alternative vehicle tax credit to include natural gas vehicles and streamlined emissions certifications and regulations for natural gas vehicle conversions.

In 2009, Senator Inhofe introduced legislation requiring a streamline of EPA's regulations affecting natural gas fuel conversion systems. As a result, EPA has certified 320 new vehicle and engine conversion systems, which supported the sale of 12,000 conversion kits in 2012 alone. EPA is continuing to improve its processes and expedite the approval of conversion applications. In 2013, Senator Inhofe introduced S. 1355, which encourages the production of more natural gas vehicles, at no cost to taxpayers. The Department of Transportation's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) regulations mandate that automakers achieve a target mile-per-gallon standard across their fleet of produced vehicles. Automakers get a bonus for producing alternative-fuel vehicles, but not natural gas vehicles, leaving NGVs disadvantaged when compared to ethanol and electric vehicles. S. 1355 streamlines the regulations so that automakers obtain credits for NGVs, just as they do for ethanol and electric vehicles.

Natural Gas Exports

Senators Inhofe and Begich (D-Alaska) continue to lead an initiative with 32 bipartisan Senators to get the U.S. Department of Energy to approve pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export applications. Three applications were approved in 2013, however, more must be done to ensure American competitors do not remain at a disadvantage. Senator Inhofe is also a principal cosponsor of S. 192, which would expedite applications to export LNG to NATO countries and other allies like Japan.

Senator Inhofe held EPA accountable for their actions. An example of which was with EPA regional administrator in Dallas, Texas. In EPA's regional office there is one political appointee, directly hired by the EPA Administrator responsible for administering EPA programs in the five state region. In this case, the Regional Administrator initiated a clearly ideological and partisan enforcement action against an energy company in Parker County, Texas. Senator Inhofe exposed the administrator's prior statements characterizing his philosophy in regulating specifically the oil and natural gas production industry as how the Romans once conquered villages in the Mediterranean saying: "They'd find the first five guys they saw and they'd crucify them. And so you make examples out of people who are in this case not complying with the law." In April 2012, shortly after making these statements public, the administrator resigned his position with the regional EPA office.

In December 2013, Senator Inhofe joined four of his Senate colleagues and submitted an amicus brief to Supreme Court in support of case pending this session, Utility Air Regulatory Group v. United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In the amicus brief, the Senators asks that the Supreme Court remand the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that upheld the EPA's authority to require permits for greenhouse gases (GHG) under the Clean Air Act. EPA's regulation of GHGs only results in overregulation stalling economic growth and opportunity in the United States.



Hydraulic Fracturing

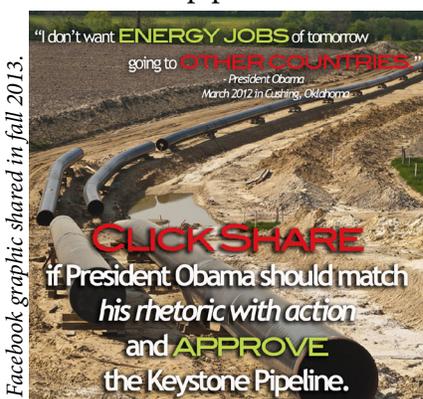
Senator Inhofe and Congressman Louis Gohmert (R-TX-01) introduced S. 2248 and S.1234, the Fracturing Regulations are Effective in State Hands Act, (FRESH Act), to keep the regulation of hydraulic fracturing on federal lands within state boundaries at the state level.

FracFocus

Senator Inhofe led a bipartisan initiative with five bipartisan senators from energy states to ensure that the U.S. Department of Energy funds the Risk Based Data Management System, which in turn funds FracFocus, the public database published by the Ground Water Protection Council based in Oklahoma City. FracFocus publishes information concerning chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing in oil and natural gas wells throughout the U.S. Due to the Ground Water Protection Council's work, hydraulic fracturing continues to be regulated at the state level where it belongs instead of being encumbered by dual regulation from the federal government.

Keystone XL Pipeline

Senator Inhofe has long supported the Presidential permit required to build the Keystone XL pipeline and voted in favor of an amendment to his federal highway bill to permit the pipeline. The President's delays postponed creation of 4,000 jobs in Oklahoma and would add \$1.2 billion in new spending to Oklahoma's economy, an increase of personal income by \$847 million and more that \$1 billion in increased Gross State Product. The Keystone XL international pipeline would have provided the U.S. with an additional 700,000 barrels of crude oil each day which greatly helps move us towards North American energy independence. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that he was considering at exporting more oil to China after the United States delayed a decision on the pipeline.



Senator Inhofe joined his Republican colleagues in introducing comprehensive energy production bills:

- **The Domestic Energy and Jobs Act of 2012, S. 3445**, which would approve the Keystone XL pipeline, streamline energy permitting, freezes and studies the impact of EPA rules on gasoline regulations, limit new regulations on surface mining, and provide access to the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (ANWR) as well as off the coast of Virginia.
- **The Offshore Petroleum Expansion Now Act of 2012 (OPEN Act), S. 3438**, which would provide an alternative to the president's proposed 2012-2017 offshore plan, that included just 12 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, one in Alaska's Cook Inlet, and the potential for two sales in Alaska's Arctic. The OPEN Act would add an additional dozen lease sales to that list, and would include multiple area-wide sales in Alaska's Beaufort and Chukchi seas. In addition to the sales off Alaska's northern coast, the OPEN Act would add lease sales off the mid-Atlantic coast and allows exploration from existing infrastructure in Southern California.
- **The Federal Land Freedom Act of 2013, S.1233**, which would give states the authority to develop all forms of energy resources on the federal lands located within the state's border.

Senate Joint Resolution 37

On Feb. 16, 2012, Senator Inhofe introduced S.J.Res 37, a measure to stop one of the EPA's most expensive new regulations. S.J.Res 37 was a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) that would prevent the EPA from going through with its Utility Maximum Achievable Control Technology ("Utility MACT") rule. CRA provides for an expedited Senate floor procedure to overturn executive agency rules by a simple majority vote. Utility MACT was just another version of an energy tax imposed on all Americans. Senator Inhofe led this bipartisan effort with 46 Senators along with affected groups such as the National Association of Manufactures. The resolution was also supported by 24 state attorneys general. Ultimately, the U.S. Senate voted on June 20, 2012 against the resolution 46 to 53.



FIGHTING REGULATION OVERREACH

Lead Paint Renovation Regulations

Senator Inhofe has consistently introduced legislation to delay EPA's timeline for proposing its Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. The rule applies to all pre-1978 homes and requires renovation work that disturbs more than six square feet on the interior of a pre-1978 home along with all window and door replacement to follow rigorous work practices supervised by an EPA-certified renovator and performed by an EPA-certified renovation firm. Senators Inhofe, Coburn, and four other senators introduced S.2148, the Lead Exposure Reduction Amendments Act of 2012. Later, Senator Inhofe and eleven other senators introduced S. 484 to improve the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. The legislation would restore the "Opt-Out Provision" which would allow homeowners without small children or pregnant women residing in the home to opt-out of the regulation. Furthermore, the rule is delayed if EPA cannot approve one or more commercially available test kits that meet the regulation's requirements. Senators Inhofe, King, and Begich offered S. Amendment 1883 to energy efficiency legislation, which the Senate is considering further delaying this rule.

Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC)

Senator Inhofe used his position as ranking member of the U.S. Senate EPW Committee with jurisdiction over the Endangered Species Act and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to invite newly confirmed FWS Director Dan Ashe to Oklahoma to hear from five Oklahoma cabinet secretaries, the energy production industry, agriculture, utility industries, and many other interests on how an endangered listing of the lesser prairie chicken would hurt economic development in Oklahoma. Director Ashe had the opportunity to listen first-hand and in-person to Oklahomans' concerns about how a listing of the LPC would negatively affect agriculture, the construction of highway infrastructure, and energy development, especially wind development projects in the Woodward area. Importantly, Director Ashe heard about the extensive voluntary efforts underway in Oklahoma, which have been successful in stabilizing the LPC population. Additionally, the Director heard from Oklahomans about the voluntary efforts that have directed \$42 million of private funding towards LPC conservation and led to management activities being put in place on at least 563,000 acres of habitat within the LPC range. Since that time, due to the coordination among the state and federal governments along with industry partners, the Fish and Wildlife Service has downgraded the species proposing only that it is threatened. However, conservation is best left in local control.



The Preserve the Waters of the U.S. Act, S. 2245

Senator Inhofe introduced with 26 other Senators S. 2245, the Preserve the Waters of the US Act, to stop the EPA from regulating all private water in the United States. The Preserve the Waters of the U.S. Act would prevent the EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers (Corps) from issuing new regulations, which would infringe on private property rights and would make it harder for Americans to build in their backyards, grow crops, manage livestock, expand small businesses and carry out other activities on private lands.

Enforcing Sound Science at EPA

Senator Inhofe has fought to ensure that sound science and not political decision making is the foundation for new



EPA regulations. In 2012, the Environment and Public Works Committee released a report documenting the impending regulations that the Obama Administration was withholding due political reasons. This report was later vindicated in a Washington Post article by Juliet Eilperin on Dec. 14, 2013, following the Nov. 2012 election.

Chemical Safety Improvement Act

In May 2013, Senator Inhofe joined Senator Vitter, the late-Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and a bipartisan group of 13 other Senators and introduced the Chemical Safety Improvement Act (CSIA). The Act would overhaul and improve the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA), the only major environmental law that has not been significantly updated despite having been proven outdated and ineffective. The legislation would, for the first time, ensure that all chemicals are tested for safety to protect public health and the environment, while also creating an environment where manufacturers can continue to innovate, grow, and create jobs. The bill currently has 25 bipartisan cosponsors.

Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act

In March 2013, Senator Inhofe introduced the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act of 2013 with the late Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Senators Tom Udall (D-NM) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho). The Brownfield program helps to clean up contaminated land in a fiscally responsible way. For the first time, the bill would allow small communities access to technical assistance and to streamline projects so that they can be completed more efficiently.

Since 2002, the Brownfields program has funded the rehabilitation of abandoned and polluted properties to increase safety and attract new businesses to communities. Among the marquee developments in Oklahoma that have participated in the Brownfields program are: the Skirvin Hotel and several Bricktown facilities in Oklahoma City, and OneOK Field and the BOK Center in Tulsa.

“Much of the land around downtown Oklahoma City was used by businesses like auto repair shops, salvage yards, print shops, dry cleaners, or was impacted by oil and gas activities in the early to mid-1900s. This is prime property that, with the help of Brownfields grants, can be restored and put back into use.”

- Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett.

“When Brownfield sites are identified and remediated, they become a marketable asset and a drawing card, an enticement for business and industry, bringing jobs, growth and development to our local economy. Our new downtown arena, the BOK Center, and baseball stadium, ONEOK Field, are two of Tulsa’s major Brownfield success stories. Tulsa continues its work for Brownfield redevelopment, and we’re expecting great results from our efforts.” - Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett

“The Brownfields Program is a helpful tool for the state of Oklahoma to drive economic growth. I applaud Senator Inhofe and his colleagues for working to reauthorize this important program. The Brownfields Program has been instrumental in cleaning up buildings and property in blighted areas throughout Oklahoma, while protecting the public from potentially dangerous contaminants. The reforms included in this reauthorization could help the DEQ Brownfields Program serve Oklahomans more effectively and efficiently.”

- Former Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Executive Director Steve Thompson



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Proposed Cnooc-Nexen Merger

Senator Inhofe joined Senators Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), and John Cornyn (R-Texas) requesting that the U.S. Treasury review Cnooc as an agent of the Chinese government when evaluating its national security risk to the United States should it acquire ownership of the Canadian firm, Nexen, Inc. Senator Inhofe believes when it comes to communist countries with state owned enterprises, a close look needs to be taken, especially when critical oil and gas resources are being considered. Senator Inhofe will continue to provide oversight to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) review process.

U.S. Oil and Gas Production in Myanmar

In 2012, the ranking member on the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Senator Inhofe focused on bringing democracy to the country of Myanmar. During the course of developing this U.S. engagement strategy of Myanmar in 2012, however, there were rumors that the U.S. oil and gas industry were to be “carved-out” by the Obama White House of those economic sanctions that the U.S. was intending to suspend against Myanmar. Working with Democratic Chairman Jim Webb (D-Va.) of the East Asian and Pacific Subcommittee, Senator Inhofe defeated any effort to “carve-out” the U.S. oil and gas industry from being allowed to compete for business in Myanmar. On Nov. 18, 2012, the Obama Administration published regulations controlling U.S. investment in Myanmar that did not exclude the U.S. petroleum industry.

In March 2013, when the U.S. Senate considered the budget resolution, Senator Inhofe also offered the following common sense energy amendments:

- **Protecting Energy Costs for Low Income Families:** Amendment No. 173 would require governors to approve any regulation that will increase electricity costs for low-income families before going into effect.
- **Regulatory Job Loss Analysis:** Amendment No. 174 would ensure all federal agencies account for potential indirect job loss prior to enactment of a rule.
- **Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Amendment:** Amendment No. 175 would prohibit this rule’s implementation against family farms.
- **Endangered Species Act Reform:** Amendment No. 284 would prohibit new endangered species until the Fish and Wildlife Service determines that the efforts led by state and local governments are insufficient to conserve the species.
- **Prohibiting Greenhouse Gas Regulation:** Amendment No. 359 would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating greenhouse gases.
- **Accomplishing Energy Independence:** Amendment No. 369 would reform energy laws in a manner that increases domestic energy production and eliminates the need for energy imports from abroad.
- **Gasoline Price Hike Protection:** Amendment No. 395 would require each state governor to approve any regulation that increases gasoline or diesel fuel costs prior to that regulation going into effect.

Financial Reform



Oklahoma banks continue to struggle under the crushing regulations imposed by the Dodd-Frank Financial Regulatory Reform Bill. According to Oklahoma bankers, the cost to comply with banking regulations has increased by 30-40 percent during the Obama Administration. The following are Senator Inhofe's activities toward financial reform:

SENATOR INHOFE COSPONSORED S. 712 in the 112th Congress, which is a bill that would repeal Dodd-Frank.

SENATOR INHOFE COSPONSORED S. 737 in the 112th Congress, which would impose Congressional oversight of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

SENATOR INHOFE COSPONSORED S. 1831, the

Access to Capital for Job Creators Act, in the 112th Congress with Senator Thune (R-SD). This bill would allow companies to publicly announce opportunities for investment in its business making it easier for small businesses to get the money they need to grow and expand. This provision was included in H.R. 3606, the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, which was passed by the Senate on March 22, 2012, and was signed by the President on April 5, 2012 becoming Public Law 112-106.



Senator Inhofe meets with the Bank of Cushing employees on Dec. 5, 2013.

IN MARCH 2012, SENATORS INHOFE & TOM UDALL WROTE THE SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) requesting that they reconsider the rules they promulgated as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act that required private fund advisers to register with the SEC. This requirement forced these companies to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to comply with unnecessary regulations. Because of Senator Inhofe's letter, the SEC amended its interpretation of the law and will allow these companies to forgo registration with the SEC, allowing them to redirect millions of dollars over the next several years to actual investments instead of regulatory compliance.

IN JULY 2012, SENS. INHOFE, ENZI, CASEY, AND OTHERS QUESTIONED SEC's proposed regulations to treat Money Market funds like regular mutual funds. These changes in regulation would have required investors to account for their money market holdings as if they were a typical financial instrument, dramatically reducing the appeal of these funds without significantly improving their safety and soundness. On August 23, 2012, the SEC canceled its vote on these new regulations.

IN SEPT. 2012, SENATOR INHOFE LED AN OKLAHOMA DELEGATION LETTER to federal financial regulators asking that they exempt community banks from new regulations (Basel III regulations) designed for only the largest, most interconnected global financial institutions. This one size fits all regulation places community banks at a competitive disadvantage. Fifty-three senators joined Senator Inhofe in another letter to financial regulators also in Sept. 2012. Senator Inhofe offered an amendment to the budget in March 2013 that would have exempted community banks from Basel III regulations.



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Senator Inhofe has always fought to protect religious liberties abroad and preserve American sovereignty against internationalist proposals originating at the United Nations. Senator Inhofe has been one of the lone voices against the New START treaty, which was supported by President Obama and would reduce the U.S. nuclear stock pile without verification and without modernization of U.S. nuclear capabilities. He has also been one of the lone voices against the U.N.'s Convention on the Law of the Sea Treaty. This treaty would subject the U.S. to international taxation for the first time, and give unelected, international bureaucracies increasing control over international resources.

U.N. Reform and Protecting U.S. Sovereignty

Although the Administration has pushed for the U.S. to join the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (UNATT), Senator Inhofe led his colleagues in officially opposing the UNATT by authoring Amendment 139. The amendment passed the Senate by 53-46 on March 23, 2013, and would prevent the U.S. from entering into the UNATT, thereby preventing any U.N. regulations from being imposed under U.S. law and preventing any restrictions on trading arms with our allies. Senator Inhofe also included a provision in the FY'14 NDAA which was signed into law Dec. 26, 2013, which prohibits any funding from being used to implement a United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty.

Law of the Sea Treaty

Senator Inhofe led an effort with former Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) to block Senate consideration of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Since 2003, Senator Inhofe has been leading the effort in the U.S. Senate against the Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST) holding a hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in 2004. In each hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Senator Inhofe has continued the opposition and through

his work has secured the public objections of 37 Senators against the treaty. The U.S. Constitution requires that treaties receive a 67 vote approval before ratification. Securing the opposition of at least 34 Senators ensures defeat of treaties which threaten our national sovereignty. The Law of the Sea Treaty would impose the first UN taxes on the U.S. through royalties on offshore oil and gas production. It will force the potential transfer of billions of dollars to the "developing world" and expose U.S. to baseless lawsuits.

RELEASE OF PASTOR HAMZAH IN IRAQ

Beginning on October 18, 2012 Senator Inhofe wrote four letters (October 18, 2012, December 3, 2012, February 8, 2013 and March 12, 2013) to the government in Kurdistan, Northern Iraq, as well the U.S. Department of State seeking the release of Pastor Abdi Ali Hamzah from prison. A converted Muslim from Erbil, Kurdistan, Pastor Hamzah had been in jail for 14 months, after being convicted on charges of spying for Iran, but was really imprisoned and given a 5 year jail sentence for being a Christian and preaching to Muslim communities. Pastor Hamzah works for World Compassion Ministries in Tulsa, OK, and Dr. Terry Law had raised to Senator Inhofe the plight of Pastor Hamzah, and that his health had deteriorated greatly while in prison. Senator Inhofe agreed to help and wrote these letters, and gave Dr. Law a March 12, 2013 letter to hand-carry to Kurdistan President Masoud Barzani requesting Pastor Hamzah's release on humanitarian grounds. Within days the pastor was released from prison and into the care of Dr. Law. Pastor Hamzah's health has since been restored and he presently resides in the country of Georgia, where he ministers there on behalf of World Compassion Ministries.

"Amnesty had only been granted six times in Kurdistan's history, and never to a non-Muslim. There was no precedent for a former Muslim, converted to Christianity and evangelizing other Muslims, now convicted of a crime in an Iraqi court, to be released by 'private amnesty' The odds against it were staggering!" -Dr. Terry Law

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INHOFE AND DEMINT: U.N. treaties mean LOST U.S. sovereignty

Liberals intent on imposing backdoor globalism

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By Sen. James M. Inhofe and Sen. Jim DeMint

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For years, liberals and misguided State Department officials have pushed for the U.S. Senate to ratify the Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST). This treaty would convey ownership of the oceans to a United Nations agency and give international bureaucrats veto authority over U.S. naval operations and could force the United States to comply with international carbon emissions caps.

Last week, we defeated LOST by securing commitments to ensure it cannot gain the 67 votes needed for ratification.

However, no sooner had the 34th Republican senator signed a letter opposing LOST than the surrender of American sovereignty was put back on the table by foreign diplomats and their internationalist allies in the federal government.

With LOST dead, the new treaties being promoted to take its place include the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Disabled, which calls





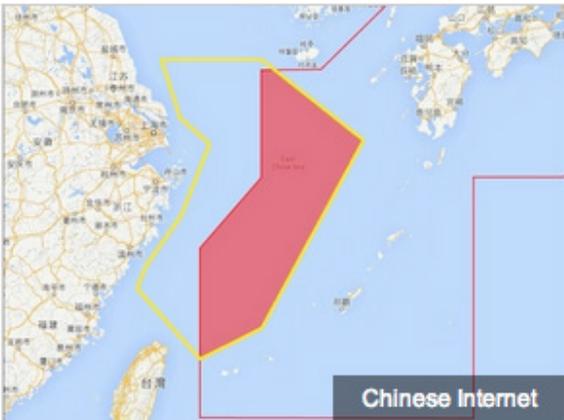
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China Threatens Japan Ahead of Biden Trip

China military threatens action against Japan, escalates rhetoric on air defense zone on eve of Biden visit

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China's military ratcheted up tensions on Tuesday over its disputed East China Sea air defense zone by threatening military action against Japan and saying it would enforce new aircraft controls.

Chinese Defense Ministry spokesman Geng Yangsheng accused Japan in a statement of "making trouble" and he warned Chinese military aircraft would

enforce the newly imposed air defense identification zone, or ADIZ.

"Japan's actions have seriously harmed China's legitimate rights and security interests, and undermined the peace and stability in East Asia," Geng said through



"In an obvious attempt to placate China, the U.S. is sacrificing the assurance to our allies in the region that we are a reliable and steadfast security partner," Sen. James Inhofe (R., Okla.) said in a statement to the Free Beacon.

Inhofe noted that 2012 marked the 60th anniversary of the U.S.-Japan defense treaty.

"The belated invocation of our treaty obligation clearly falls well short of an appropriate response to this latest provocation by China that would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the treaty," Inhofe said.

"Unfortunately, this follows a pattern of fumbled reactions by the Obama administration in other regions of the world, especially in the Middle East and North Africa."

- Interview published in the Washington Free Beacon on Dec. 3, 2013

China

For his entire public service career, Senator Inhofe has fought for democracy, economic freedom and human rights in Communist China. He has been consistently critical of the Chinese dictatorship and their efforts to stamp out political, economic and religious freedom in that country.

Senator Inhofe led an initiative with 11 other Senators to re-evaluate the level of direct foreign assistance the United States provides to China. China is the second-largest economy in the world, it has received more than \$275 million in foreign aid from the U.S. since 2001. In 2009 alone, U.S. agencies from across the government gave more than \$65 million in grants to China, while China continues to benefit from billions of dollars in development and infrastructure loans from institutions like the United Nations, the Asian Development Bank, and the World Bank, to which the U.S. is the largest contributor. Lastly, China has launched its own multi-billion dollar foreign assistance program, and uses that money to influence nations in places like the African continent where it seeks its rich deposits of minerals and oil. Senator Inhofe is working to end all foreign aid to China to whom we owe over \$1 trillion in debt.



North Korea

For nearly 60 years, the United States has been a staunch ally of South Korea. North Korea has gained increased international attention by successfully launching several Taepodong missiles, restarting its nuclear arms testing and materials manufacturing, and withdrawing from the 1953 armistice. Senator Inhofe has consistently supported joint military exercises between the United States and South Korea in reaction to North Korea's series of military attacks against South Korea (sinking of the Cheonan

Senator Inhofe overlooking North Korea during a visit to Asia in 2013.

naval vessel on March 26, 2010 and the shelling of the South Korean Island of Yeonpyeong on Nov. 23, 2010), sanctions against North Korea, and designation of North Korea as a regime supporting international terrorism.

Senator Inhofe introduced S. 298 with Senator Menendez seeking further economic sanctions against North Korea, which passed the Senate on Feb. 25, 2013. This bill was introduced in reaction to the Feb. 11, 2013 nuclear test by North Korea.

Israel & Iran

Senator Inhofe has sought to protect the State and people of Israel from neighbors whose goal has been to drive “into the sea” this free and sole democracy. Surrounded by dangerous countries and threatened with nuclear destruction in the near future by Iran, Israel must survive and thrive in the Middle East. A strong U.S. relationship with Israel is not only vital for Israel's sovereignty and national security, but for U.S. national security as well. Senator Inhofe's support for Israel in Congress includes:

- On Nov. 15, 2012, Senator Inhofe joined the entire U.S. Senate supporting S. Resolution 599 which is a resolution defending Israel's right to exercise self defense in reaction to the over 300 Iranian supplied rockets fired by Hamas in the Gaza Strip into Israel, with some aimed at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem for the first time in decades. This resolution passed the U.S. Senate on Nov. 15, 2012.
- On March 19, 2013, Senator Inhofe and Senator Heller (R-N.V.) introduced S. 604, The Jerusalem Embassy and Recognition Act, which would recognize Jerusalem as the united and undivided capital of Israel, and moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.
- On March 6, 2013, Senator Inhofe joined Senator Graham (R-S.C.) cosponsoring S.Res. 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran, and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.
- On May 15, 2013, Senator Inhofe and 13 Senators introduced the Iran Sanctions Implementation Act (S. 965),

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which would direct the President to open federal lands to energy development offsetting the 1.25 million barrels per day of oil that Iran exports to countries around the world.

- On July 18, 2013, Senator Inhofe cosponsored S.Res. 75 condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.
- Senator Inhofe and Senator Cruz (R-Texas) introduced S. Resolution 252 in September 2013, expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before President Obama can meet with the President of Iran, it affirms the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish state, and calls for the immediate release of all U.S. citizens unjustly detained as prisoners of conscience in Iran.
- On Oct. 28, 2013, Senator Inhofe cosponsored S.Res. 269 condemning and expressing the sense of the Senate on United States policy regarding possession of nuclear enrichment and reprocessing capabilities by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Africa

Senator Inhofe has travelled widely and frequently to Africa in the last 16 years. Africa is the world's second-largest and most-populous continent, with over 900 million people. African countries have become more vulnerable to international terrorism as al-Qaeda has been squeezed out of Iraq and parts of the Middle East and has begun infiltrating Africa through the Horn of Africa. Senator Inhofe has made over 127 African country visits, and has built relationships with people from all walks of life, from Prime Ministers to farmers and everyone in-between.



Senator Inhofe visiting Project Mercy in Ethiopia in 2013 with U.S. AID Administrator Dr. Raj Shah.

In the National Defense Authorization Act, Senator Inhofe worked to ensure that the bill funds critical train and equip programs that provide training to foreign nations to fight terrorism and its influences with their troops. Specifically, the bill focuses these programs to end terrorist activities in Africa from groups like Boko Haram, M23, and Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Additionally, Senator Inhofe with 33 senators introduced a resolution condemning the crimes against humanity committed by Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), supporting ongoing international efforts to remove Kony from the battlefield, and calling for the U.S. to continue to enhance its mobility, intelligence and logistical support of regional forces now pursuing the LRA.

Senator Inhofe was instrumental in the establishment of the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) in 2007 because of the growing threat of terrorism across the continent of Africa. Throughout the last several years, he has consistently pushed DOD and the U.S. government to address the criminal activity, terrorism, and atrocities occurring in wide swaths of the African continent. Groups such as Boko Haram, al-Shabab, al-Qaeda in the Magreb, M23, and the LRA have devastated the local populations, caused instability, and ultimately threatened U.S. national security.



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Other regions:

In 2012, Senator Inhofe requested that the U.S. work to prevail upon the Palestinian Authority to re-recognize the First Baptist Church in Bethlehem as a legal religious denomination and bring attention to the continuing deterioration of religious freedom in Eritrea. On Jan. 17, 2012, Senator Inhofe wrote former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to update her on the latest development concerning former General, and 2009 Sri Lankan Presidential Candidate, Sarath Fonseka, who had been in prison since 2010 on politically motivated charges. Senator Inhofe called for the release of General Fonseka on humanitarian grounds for more than two years. On May 21, 2012, General Fonseka was unconditionally released from prison. His daughter is an Oklahoma constituent, and had brought his plight to the attention of Senator Inhofe.

Similarly, Senator Inhofe introduced S. Res. 466 with Senator Durbin (D-Ill.), calling for the immediate release of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko from prison, which unanimously passed the Senate on Sept. 22, 2012. The resolution condemns the political persecution and imprisonment of Tymoshenko and other Orange Revolution reformers, and calls for a visa ban against the President of Ukraine and others responsible for Tymoshenko's imprisonment.

Finally, Senator Inhofe also introduced S. 3577, the Foreign Prison Conditions Improvement Act, with Senator Leahy (D-Vt.) to eliminate the existing horrible conditions found in many prisons in the developing world, especially in Africa. The bill utilizes existing funding and expertise found in the U.S. government to assist third world nations eliminate unsanitary conditions and overcrowding, and provide legal assistance to correct dysfunctional justice systems related to incarceration.

Senator Inhofe introduced S. 207 in 2013 to delay any further deliveries of F-16s to Egypt until President Obama certifies to Congress that the Government of Egypt agrees (1) to continue to uphold its commitments under the Camp David Peace Accords, (2) to provide proper security at United States embassies and consulates, (3) to bring stability to its nation by ending its systematic exclusion and silencing of all official minority political opposition, and (4) to take concrete steps to engage in dialogue with such opposition parties and consider a coalition, power-sharing government with such opposition parties.

Senator Inhofe introduced S. Resolution 150 and S.Res.69 with five other Senators calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world. This bill was prompted by the receipt of a number of reports of violence against religious minorities like Arab Christians during the Arab Spring democratic uprisings. Congressman Jim Bridenstine (R-OK-01) introduced the House companion resolution.



Benghazi, Libya

On September 12, 2012, Senator Inhofe condemned the attacks on our U.S. consulate in Benghazi and called for hearings in the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

On September 13, 2012, Senator Inhofe introduced S.Res.556, a resolution to suspend U.S. foreign aid to Egypt and Libya until the President could certify that each government is providing the necessary level of protection to our U.S. embassies and personnel.

On September 11, 2013, Senator Inhofe cosponsored S.Res. 225 calling for a joint select committee to investigate the September 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

"These attacks, the murder of our ambassador, and the disgraceful treatment of his body must have consequences. The timing of this on the eleventh anniversary of 9/11 is more than just coincidence. Sadly, America has suffered as a result of President Obama's failure to lead and his failed foreign policy of appeasement and apology. The world must know beyond doubt that America will not allow these types of attacks on our people. Obama's failed leadership is in direct contrast with Ambassador Stevens' brave leadership and effort to protect Americans at the consulate."

-- U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe, September 12, 2012

Government Reform



Senator Inhofe has introduced and worked with his colleagues on the following common sense government reform pieces of legislation:

- **S. Res.23, a resolution to prohibit unauthorized earmarks:** Senator Inhofe introduced this resolution cosponsored by former Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) and Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.). Senator Inhofe also offered this resolution as S. Amendment no. 1500 to the STOCK Act (S. 2038) on Feb. 2, 2012. Unfortunately, the amendment was defeated 26 - 73.
- **S. 2368, the Midnight Rule Relief Act of 2012:** Senator Inhofe joined 35 Senators in cosponsoring this bill that would prohibit a federal agency from issuing a midnight rule meaning after the November Presidential election which costs \$100 million or more, increases costs or prices or contains significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete internationally.
- **S. 15, Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013 (REINS Act):** This bill would require a joint resolution of approval of major rules to be enacted before such rules may take effect. It provides that if a joint resolution of approval is not enacted by the end of 70 session days or legislative days, as applicable, after the agency proposing the rule submits its report on such rule to Congress, the major rule shall be deemed not to be approved and shall not take effect.
- **S.191, Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act of 2013:** This bill would set forth general requirements for the federal regulatory system, including the protection of public health, welfare, safety, and the environment, the promotion of predictability in the regulatory process, and the consideration of benefits and costs of regulations.
- **S.699, the Court Efficiency Act of 2013:** This bill would direct the President to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional circuit judge for the second circuit court of appeals and one additional circuit judge for the eleventh circuit court of appeals. Furthermore, it would reduce from 11 to 8 the number of circuit judges appointed to the District of Columbia circuit court of appeals.
- **S.1404, the Enumerated Powers Act:** This bill would prohibit the consideration of any bill by Congress unless the authority provided by the Constitution of the United States for the legislation can be determined and is clearly specified.
- **S.1632, the Restoring the 10th Amendment Act:** This bill would provide special standing for states to be able to challenge overreaching federal regulations implementing new laws or presidential executive orders.



Healthcare

Over the next ten years, Obamacare is expected to cost between \$1.5 trillion and \$2.5 trillion and the national debt will only continue to grow if the U.S. does not quickly reform its entitlement state. That is why Senator Inhofe has joined with his Senate colleagues in supporting legislative measures that would reform entitlement programs and repeal Obamacare. Senator Inhofe believes that in order to cut deficits and balance the budget – which is something the U.S. must do – then Congress should start by implementing these reforms and start the tough work of responsibly reforming Medicare and Social Security, which are on unsustainable paths as currently structured.

Senator Inhofe and his Republican colleagues have introduced many initiatives to confront the disaster of Obamacare. Senator Inhofe is a cosponsor of more than 50 bills and amendments which involve the health care law, from repealing Obamacare by portion or in its entirety with soon-approaching implementation deadlines; helping people to keep their health plans; ensuring there is no exemption for Members of Congress; to ensuring Obamacare does not cover abortions; and more. Recently, Senator Inhofe cosponsored S. 1617: “If You Like Your Plan You Can Keep It Act,” which would expand grandfathering of health plans to include any plan currently in existence since this was the biggest promise broken by Obamacare.

However, repealing Obamacare is only half the answer. Senator Inhofe has long advocated for common sense modern healthcare reforms to make healthcare affordable and available for all Americans.

Senator Inhofe was also active in joining Republican colleagues in **filing amicus briefs or “friend of the court”** briefs arguing Congressional intent of Obamacare. Senator Inhofe’s activity includes:

- Joining 44 Republican colleagues in filing an amicus curiae brief with the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in support of the lawsuit filed in Florida by



26 states and the NFIB, on May 11, 2011. The brief argues that the individual mandate is an unprecedented and unauthorized expansion by Congress of its authority to regulate, and if the individual mandate is deemed constitutional, there will be no meaningful limit to what Congress can authorize under the Commerce Clause.

- Joining Republican colleagues in filing two amicus briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the lawsuit filed in Florida by 26 states and the NFIB, on Jan. 6 and Feb. 13, 2012. The first brief argued that the individual mandate is not severable from the rest of the law, so if it is ruled unconstitutional, the rest of the law must follow. The second brief argued that the individual mandate exceeded the powers of the Commerce Clause, and therefore unconstitutional.
- Joining 13 Republican colleagues in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, in support of the lawsuit filed by Hobby Lobby. The brief argues that HHS mandate that requires employers to provide coverage for the morning after pill to employees violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Senator Inhofe has also joined his colleagues throughout his time in Congress to work for **common-sense reforms to modernize healthcare**, cosponsoring the following legislation:

- **S. 197 and S. 44, the Medical Care Access Protection Act:** a comprehensive malpractice bill



that would impose time limits on filing claims and limits on non-economic damages, and reduce the excessive burden the liability system places on healthcare delivery. Senator Inhofe also joined his colleagues in offering S. 197 as an amendment (S. Amendment 928) to H.R. 674 when it was considered by the U.S. Senate. Unfortunately, the amendment failed 40-56.

- **S. 1123, the Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures (PRIME) Act** would strengthen fraud detection and penalty measures in Medicare and Medicaid
- **S.Res. 26:** a resolution that would recognize that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of U.S. communities.
- **S.868, the State Flexibility Act** would repeal the onerous Medicaid Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Obamacare which force states to maintain expanded Medicaid eligibility restrictions and threatens the financial health of many states across America.
- **S. 1098 and S.1031, the Family and Retirement Health Investment Act** would strengthen and expand Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs) for American workers and retirees. HSAs and FSAs provide individuals with opportunities to put away tax free

savings for everyday medical expenses.

- **S. 1251, the Medicare and Medicaid FAST Act** would establish various measures to curb fraud, waste, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs This is a bill supported by groups across the political spectrum, including: Taxpayers for Common Sense, AARP, Citizens Against Government Waste, National Taxpayers Union, National Coalition on Healthcare, HMS and America's Health Insurance Plans
- **S. 1317, the Retirement Freedom Act** would preserve seniors right to exercise freedom in choosing a health plan that best fits their needs without jeopardizing their Social Security benefits.
- **S. 1680, the Craig Thomas Rural Hospital and Provider Equity Act** would provide assistance to rural health providers through improvements in Medicare reimbursement formulas, extensions of certain rural health provisions, and the creation of a new loan program to assist rural hospitals in repairing aging facilities.

Senator Inhofe has also joined half of the U.S. Senate in support of **rural health programs** including Community Health Centers, Consolidated Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, the Health Professions program, the Area Health Education Center program, the Rural Health Outreach Grant program, the Rural Health Research Grant program, the Rural Hospital Flexibility program, the Rural Access to Emergency Devices program, State Offices of Rural Health, the Small Rural Hospital Performance Improvement Act, and the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth.

Senator Inhofe believes in the **sanctity of life** and has joined many of his colleagues in supporting the following healthcare bills concerning abortion:

- **S. 96, the Title X Family Planning Act** would prohibit federal family planning funds for abortions.
- **S. 356, the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act** would require an abortion provider who knowingly performs an abortion of a pain-capable unborn child (20 weeks) to inform the mother of the probable age of the child, provide information that



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pain medicine administered to the mother may not prevent pain in the child, give the mother the provider's best medical judgment of the risks and costs of such treatment.

- **S.3290, Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2012** would impose criminal penalties on anyone who knowingly performs an abortion knowing that the abortion is sought based on the gender of the child.
- **S. 154, Preventing the Offering of Elective Coverage of Taxpayer-Funded Abortion Act (PROTECT Act)** would ban any taxpayer dollars in the "Multi-State Plan" plans created under ObamaCare from covering elective abortions.
- **S. 369, The Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act** would make it a crime to knowingly transport a minor across a state line with the intent that minor obtain an abortion.
- **S.583**, a bill that would implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.
- **S.1539, the Adoption Information Act** would require assurances that certain family planning service projects and programs will provide pamphlets containing information of adoption centers
- **S. Res. 133**, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices.
- **S. 886, the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act** would make unlawful in the District of Columbia any abortion of an unborn child that is 20 weeks or greater.
- **S.1670, Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**, would prohibit abortion from being performed if the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater.
- **S.1848, Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2013**, would reverse the secrecy clause in ObamaCare and require that all plans on the exchanges disclose whether or not the plan includes abortion. If the plan includes abortion, the plan must also disclose the amount of the abortion surcharge.

The following are bills Senator Inhofe is working on with his colleagues concerning **cancer research**:

- **S. 384**, A bill that would amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. This bill passed the U.S. Senate unanimously 12/23/2011 and was enacted as Public Law 112-80.
- **S. Res.172**, legislation that would recognize the importance of cancer research and the contributions made by scientists and clinicians across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2011, as "National Cancer Research Month". This resolution passed the U.S. Senate unanimously May 26, 2011.
- **S. Res.538**, legislation designates September 2012 as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and declares that steps should be taken to raise awareness about prostate cancer screening and treatment, increase research funding, and improve access to health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer. This resolution passed the U.S. Senate unanimously August 1, 2012.

CT COLONOGRAPHY SCREENING FOR COLORECTAL CANCER ACT OF 2012

Senator Inhofe and Congressman Ralph Hall (R-TX) introduced this legislation to amend Medicare to provide coverage for virtual colonoscopies. Specifically, the bill would provide outpatient Medicare coverage for screening computed tomography colonography (CTC) as a colorectal cancer (CRC) screening test.

"This legislation is essential to protecting Americans across the nation from colorectal cancer, one of the most preventable forms, yet second leading causes of cancer deaths," said Inhofe. *"This disease disproportionately affects the elderly, with a rate above 70 percent of all new diagnoses of cancer. This technology allows patients to utilize a less invasive procedure, instead of opting for the traditional colonoscopies, one that most people are reluctant to undergo."*



IN APRIL 2013, SENATOR INHOFE TOOK A TOUR OF THE TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER during the heated immigration debate in the Senate. Inhofe shared with CNN's Wolf Blitzer that no immigration proposal is complete without provisions that reform entitlement and other public sector resources that undocumented aliens are accessing and are enticing them to stay in the country illegally.

Senator Inhofe opposed S. 744, the immigration legislation put before Congress in 2013, because like past immigration legislation, it gives amnesty to illegal immigrants, and does so before meaningful border security is achieved.

Senator Inhofe introduced four amendments to S. 744 that involved addressing law enforcement, making English the official language of the United States, and taking an assessment of the cost of translating government forms and communications to multiple languages.

- **The Keep Our Communities Safe** amendment would close the legal loophole that requires immigration authorities to release back into the United States, illegal aliens that have not been accepted for deportation to other countries after being detained for six months. This practice is also referred to as “catch and release.”
- **The English Language Unity** amendment would declare English as the official language of the United States and require the federal government to preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language within our government.
- **The Common Sense English** amendment would protect private employers who chose to have an English language requirement in the workplace from frivolous lawsuits from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).
- **The Multilingual Services Accounting** amendment would require the annual budget report to Congress to include the amount of taxpayer money each government agency spends on translation services each year.



Infrastructure



Thanks to the leadership of Senator Jim Inhofe

and conservatives in the House, the cumbersome and unnecessary environmental review process for road construction projects will see significant reform... The road to reforming government spending will be long and winding, but conservatives have us headed in the right direction.”

- Al Cardenas, Chairman of the American Conservative Union
Washington Examiner, June 21, 2012

“Who says Senator Jim Inhofe can’t work with Democrats in Congress? Inhofe, R-Tulsa, has certainly earned his reputation as one of the Senate’s most conservative members and is never shy about needling liberals, but **he found common ground with one of the group’s leaders in forging a reasonable federal highway bill.**”

- *Oklahoman Editorial, June 29, 2012*

“I can’t tell you how excited we are about the **opportunities Congress is going to provide the states.** I think all states will benefit from what they’re doing.”

- Gary Ridley, Oklahoma Transportation Secretary
Tulsa World article, June 30, 2012

“The last long-term highway funding bill, authored by Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe, was passed in 2005 and expired in 2009. Since 2009, highway funds have been allocated to the states through **short-term extensions, which is bad policy.**”

- *Tulsa World Editorial, April 24, 2012*

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY (MAP-21)

S. 1813/H.R. 4348, the 2012 federal highway bill

One of Senator Inhofe’s principal accomplishments was the reauthorization of the national highway program which was passed in the U.S. Senate on March 14, 2012, and signed into law as Public Law 112-141 on July 6, 2012. Periodically, the Congress must reauthorize the programs administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for reforms and other Congressional oversight.

This law is a major accomplishment for Oklahoma. Until 2005, when the last federal highway bill was authored by Senator Inhofe (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, signed into law in August 2005), Oklahoma was a “donor state,” sending more gas tax revenue to Washington than it received back in highway funding.

As the lead Senate author of the previous highway bill, SAFETEA-LU, Senator Inhofe worked to ensure that for the first time Oklahomans are not paying more in taxes than they get back for roads. MAP-21 continues the policy that Oklahoma is no longer a donor state. Under MAP-21, Oklahoma will get funding for roads and bridges providing state highway departments and contractors with the certainty to begin large projects and for Oklahoma contractors to hire workers. The guiding principal behind MAP-21 was to provide states with more flexibility while maintaining a national focus. This was accomplished by eliminating or consolidating programs that are duplicative or do not serve a national transportation goal. In total, Senator Inhofe reduced the number of programs by two-thirds. In addition, MAP-21 includes a limited number of performance measures that focus the program on real world outcomes rather than on bureaucratic processes. These reforms will ensure that the American taxpayer gets the most bang for their buck. The bill also expands congestion mitigation funding (CMAQ) to allow states to obligate CMAQ funds to establish natural gas refueling stations like those you can find throughout Oklahoma.



Infrastructure Grants for Oklahoma Communities

Senator Inhofe has helped the communities of Midwest City, Sayre, Blackwell, Tulsa, Ada, Durant, Claremore, Weatherford, Sapulpa, Burns Flat, Norman, and Stillwater receive competitive grants from the Economic Development Administration totaling over \$9 million for city infrastructure improvements. EDA grants are always coupled with funds from the local or state governments and have, in Oklahoma, received an overall 10-1 matching in private funding.

In Oklahoma, EDA's public works and economic adjustment grants awarded over the past five years have resulted in over 4,000 jobs being created or saved. With an EDA investment of about \$31.5 million since FY2009, we have leveraged \$285 million in private sector dollars and about \$24 million in State and local dollars.

On June 18, 2012, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a National Infrastructure Grant to Rogers County and the Port of Catoosa. Senator Inhofe assisted with securing the necessary \$6.4 million to renovate the main dock at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa, realign the on-site rail line, and renovating a 200-ton crane. These improvements will increase the port capacity by over 1 million additional tons per year, reduce congestion by diverting truck traffic, and result in \$2.1 million in maintenance. This funding supports Tulsa's overall multi-modal plan to become a freight and logistics hub via the river facility and airport.

Senator Inhofe worked with the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and Langston University on a \$2.5 million grant proposal awarded in September 2013 by U.S. Department of Transportation's University Transportation Centers (UTC) program.



In August 2013, Senator Inhofe welcomed incoming U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx to Oklahoma, hosting a roundtable with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Secretary Gary Ridley and infrastructure representatives throughout the state to discuss Oklahoma and the nation's future infrastructure needs.

LAKE THUNDERBIRD EFFICIENT USE ACT

Senator Inhofe introduced S. 802, the Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act to authorize the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District (COMCD) the authority to import and store water into Lake Thunderbird. Due to the increase of population in the Norman area, the additional water stored at Lake Thunderbird would increase needed municipal and industrial water supplies for cities including Norman, Midwest City, and Del City. Congressmen Cole and Lankford introduced the companion legislation in the House, H.R. 3263 which passed the House unanimously in June 2012. H.R. 3263 passed the U.S. Senate on December 2012 and was signed into law Jan. 10, 2013 as Public Law No. 112-244.

"This legislation has been very much needed to avoid a possible crisis," said Jack Fry, Mayor of Midwest City. "The Conservancy District's ability to purchase water as a result of a drought or transfer water from other areas would be impossible without this legislation. This will provide the opportunity to avoid future problems of water supply."

"I hope that my fellow Normanites will join me in thanking our Congressman, Tom Cole, and Senator Jim Inhofe...for their exceptional work to help secure the future of Norman." David Boren

Small System Safe Drinking Water Act, S. 999

Senator Inhofe again introduced this legislation with five other Senators to provide special help for small water systems in our rural communities. Small communities are often plagued by unfunded mandates resulting in fines instead of being able to use community resources to provide funding to meet the community's water needs. This legislation would require EPA to develop model guidance to assist states in regulating and promoting water treatment options.

Lake Texoma

Due to complaints concerning new Coast Guard licensing being required of fishing guides at Lake Texoma, Senator Inhofe again contacted the Coast Guard Commandant and was assured in September 2013, that no new federal licensing will be imposed on Oklahoma's fishing guide industry.



10 ways the Develop directly benefits

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed versions of a new Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) which authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to perform maintenance, improvements, and complete new construction on waterways throughout the U.S. for navigation and to promote commerce in a deficit neutral manner with no new direct spending. The bill provides the Corps of Engineers the flexibility to work with states and local communities on planning assistance, feasibility studies, and project construction. Included are provisions that require the Corps of Engineers to meet deadlines and more expediently resolve all environmental reviews, including the Endangered Species Act. WRDA passed the Senate 83-14 on May 15, 2013 and passed the House 417-3 on Oct. 23, 2013.

Currently, the City of Bartlesville pays \$68 per acre/ft. for water from Lake Hulah. Proposals for purchasing water from nearby Lake Copan were quoted to be \$1,997 per acre/ft.

Charlie Taraboletti, Bartlesville Radio Host, 2/8/12: **“Thank you for checking in with the taxpayers so much... The way you keep track of everything going on, I don’t think the People realize how much you do for the residents of Oklahoma whether it’s water for Bartlesville or for other parts of the state.”**

Senator Inhofe is serving on the Bicameral Conference Committee working out the differences between the House and Senate versions to produce a product in 2014.

During the Senate consideration of the 2013 WRDA bill, Senator Inhofe secured the following provisions that will benefit Oklahoma:

EXPANSION OF THE PORT OF CATOOSA

S. Amendment 797 would allow the Tulsa Port of Catoosa to exchange land currently owned by the Army Corps of Engineers to allow Port operations to expand and attract industrial growth to the region.

EXAMINATION OF UNFAIR FEDERAL WATER PRICING PRACTICES

Communities across the country are exploring long-term water supply solutions for their citizens. Unfortunately, water storage supplied by the Corps of Engineers can be cost-prohibitive due to archaic water storage formulas that produce highly disparate water storage prices. Section 2016 would require a report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on water storage pricing formulas and allow Congress to address water storage pricing issues.

PROVIDES WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

Senator Inhofe worked to include a provision to authorize the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. The WIFIA program is modeled after the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program included in the 2012 MAP-21 highway legislation and would allow for much needed financing for water infrastructure projects. Senator Inhofe introduced S. Amendment 835, which would ensure small, rural municipalities can compete with larger metropolitan areas for WIFIA financing by lowering the cost threshold for qualified projects from \$20 million to \$5 million for communities with less than 25,000 residents. By creating a lower project cost threshold for smaller communities, this amendment will provide financing to rehabilitate crumbling drinking and wastewater treatment facilities, improve storm water management, and enhance waterway infrastructure and storage facilities for rural communities.

EXPANDS LOCAL CONTROL OVER PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to expedite projects, section 2026 authorizes a program whereby non-federal sponsors may conduct



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previously authorized feasibility studies on their own. Tulsa County would be able to compete in the program, which would allow them to conduct a feasibility study for the Arkansas River Corridor Development Project.

EXEMPTING SMALL FARMS & RANCHES FROM UNNECESSARY EPA REGULATIONS

Senator Inhofe secured a permanent exemption from the EPA's Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure (SPCC) rule for farmers and ranchers. Inhofe championed an amendment that would exempt all tanks of 1,000 gallons or less from the rule, and farms with an aggregate tank storage capacity of 2,500 gallons or less would not have to comply with the rule. Farms with tank storage capacities of between 2,500 gallons and 6,000 gallons would have a temporary exemption, pending a study by the United States Department of Agriculture and the EPA. The provision also greatly limits the instances when professional engineers must certify spill plans.

REMOVES RED TAPE ON LOCAL WATER USE

Senator Inhofe worked to address water shortfalls across the country like the cities of Duncan, Lawton, Comanche, Temple, Walters and Waurika are experiencing. Section 3008 would authorize the reassignment of unused irrigation storage on Waurika Lake to be used for various municipal purposes in the region.

ENSURES LOCAL STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT ON IMPORTANT WATERWAY

Language in section 5006 would establish an advisory committee for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) to be made up of system stakeholders who will provide recommendations to the Corps of Engineers relating to efficiency, reliability, and availability of MKARNS. Senator Inhofe conducted a meeting between the Corps of Engineers and MKARNS stakeholders to address the issue of reduced hours of

service. Following the meeting, the Corps announced that 24-hour lock hours would resume.

ACCELERATES EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION ON MCCLELLAN-KERR ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATIONS SYSTEM

Senator Inhofe's Amendment No. 867 would allow for non-federal sponsors of Corps of Engineers projects to contribute funding to the operations and maintenance of the project during an emergency or natural disaster. Doing so would expedite funding for significant projects since the sponsors will no longer need to wait on the federal government to grant additional emergency funding to the project.

LIFTS FEDERAL PROHIBITION ON LOCALLY GENERATED POWER

Senator Inhofe's No. Amendment 895 would allow entities such as the Cherokee Nation to construct, operate, and market a hydroelectric generating facility on the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River. Senator Inhofe also introduced a stand alone Senate bill, S. 513, to authorize this construction as well.

EXPEDITED PROJECT DELIVERY & ACCOUNTABILITY

The WRDA bill has a number of important environmental permit streamlining provisions that will ensure that duplicative and onerous environmental reviews do not hold up projects indefinitely. Failing to make these reforms increases costs to the taxpayer and creates a chilling effect on the private sector's willingness to invest in local communities and industries that rely on our nation's inland waterway to transport goods and services to markets in the U.S. and around the world. It also sets up a process for better coordination between the Corps of Engineers and other federal and non-federal participants in the project review process. It expands the role for state and local agencies, sets up a comprehensive issue resolution process, and creates deadlines for when comments must be made on environmental documents. Additionally, it includes provisions to ensure that additional environmental reviews are completed within 180 days of the main environmental document.



Labor and Workforce

Senator Inhofe cosponsored the following pieces of legislation to protect the rights of workers:



Sen. Inhofe speaks to employees at the Google headquarters in Pryor in May 2012.



Sen. Inhofe speaks to employees at the John Crade facility in Tulsa in May 2012.



Sen. Inhofe tours the John Crade facility in Tulsa in May 2012 where they produce seal support systems and fluid filtration systems.

- **S. 217, the Secret Ballot Protection Act:** would amend the National Labor Relations Act (NRLA) to ensure the right of employees to a secret ballot election conducted by the NLRB.
- **S. 204, the National Right-to-Work Act:** a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities
- **S. 807, the Voluntary Protection Program Act:** would permanently authorizes the Voluntary Protection Program, a cost-saving workplace program that recognizes employers in the private industry and federal agencies that have implemented effective safety and health management systems and maintain low injury and illness rates. Oklahoma currently has 30 VPP sites covering almost 17,000 employees.
- **S. 964, the Job Protection Act:** would preserve the federal law's current protection of state right-to-work laws in the National Labor Relations Act and explicitly clarifies that the Board cannot order an employer to relocate jobs from one location to another.
- **S. 1507, the Employee Rights Act:** would require all decisions to form unions, stay in unions and go on strike to be made by secret ballot, and prevent unions from spending dues on political activities without the written consent of workers.
- **S. 1843 and S.1166, the Representation Fairness Restoration Act:** would reverse the NLRB's Specialty Health Care decision that authorized micro-bargaining units. Allowing these micro-bargaining units could create several dozen different unions within the same entity.
- **S. 504 and 2173, National Right-to-Work Act:** would repeals provisions of the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act which permit employers to require employees to join a union as a condition of employment
- **S. 2221, Preserving America's Family Farms Act:** would prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing or enforcing proposed rule "Child Labor Regulations, Orders and Statements of Interpretation; Child Labor Violations-Civil Money Penalties" (relating to child labor in agricultural and nonagricultural occupations).
- **S. 2371 and S.3221, Rewarding Achievement and Incentivizing Successful Employees (RAISE) Act:** would amend the National Labor Relations Act to declare that neither its prohibition against interference by an employer with employees' right to bargain collectively, nor the terms of a collective bargaining agreement entered into between employees and an employer after enactment of this Act, shall prohibit an employer from paying an employee higher wages, pay, or other compensation than the agreement provides.
- **S.J.Res. 36:** would disapprove and nullify the rule submitted by the NRLB and published Dec. 22, 2011 relating to representation election procedures.
- **S.188, Advice and Consent Restoration Act:** would prevent NLRB's unconstitutional appointees from receiving salaries, to prevent the NLRB from taking agency action with a unconstitutional quorum
- **S.190, Restoring the Constitutional Balance of Power Act:** would prohibit federal funds to be used by the NLRB or Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to undertake/enforce activities commencing on or after Jan. 2012.

Senator Inhofe joined 41 Republican colleagues in filing amicus briefs with the DC Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court in support for the lawsuit filed by Noel Canning, in September 2012 and November 2013. The briefs argue that by declaring the Senate to be in a continual period of recess when it had determined to be in session regularly, the President usurped the Senate's authority to establish the Rules of its own proceedings. It also argues that by appointing high-level federal officers (National Labor Relations Board and Consumer Financial Protection Board members) without the Senate's consent and when it was not in "recess" within the meaning of the Recess Appointments Clause, he took away its right to review and reject his nominations.



Senator Inhofe led an initiative with 41 cosigners to ensure that the U.S. Senate Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee on Appropriations prioritize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program. This program provides funding used by Oklahoma's local law enforcement throughout the state. Significant parts of Oklahoma's local district attorneys' annual budgets are due to this program. This is one federal program that cooperates with local law enforcement and is strongly supported by the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council.

Senator Inhofe has also cosponsored, S. 1307, the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act (Youth PROMISE Act), provides that not more than 50 percent of the amount available for the Edward Byrne Memorial Criminal Justice Innovation Program shall be made to fund, implement, and evaluate evidence-based, locally controlled youth and gang violence prevention and intervention practices. He has also cosponsored S. 729, the Disarm Criminals and Protect Communities Act with Senator Cruz (R-Texas) and eight other Republican Senators to establish within the Department of Justice (DOJ) the Felon and Fugitive Firearm Task Force to strengthen DOJ efforts to investigate and prosecute cases of convicted felons and fugitives who illegally attempt to purchase a firearm.

Marriage & Social Values

Senator Inhofe introduced S.Con.Res.11, expressing the sense of Congress that it disapproves of Obama Administration's discontinuing to defend the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Senator Inhofe also cosponsored S.1808, Marriage and Religious Freedom Act, with Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) and 14 Republican Senators which prohibits the federal government from taking an adverse action against a person on the basis that such person acts in accordance with a religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman.

Senator Inhofe also joined 70 of his colleagues supporting S.186, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these four little girls lost their lives and which served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

“The United States has long been a beacon of light in the arena of liberty. When it comes to religious freedom, our founding fathers intentionally set out in the very first amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect religious institutions from government. It is not the federal government’s job to pressure people or private businesses to change policies or values that run counter to their moral beliefs. This is why I’ve joined forces with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure those who hold the religious conviction that marriage is between a man and a woman are protected from any possible future retaliation from the federal government for this moral value.”

- U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, Dec. 12, 2013



Science

Senator Inhofe joined a bipartisan initiative with 22 other Senators to ensure that the Commerce, Justice and Science Subcommittee on Appropriations prioritizes support for the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). Oklahoma has a similar model program. The Oklahoma Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (OK EPSCoR) was established in 1985 to strengthen Oklahoma's exploration and growth in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The national NSF EPSCoR program is designed to benefit states, including Oklahoma, that have historically received lesser amounts of competitive research and development funding in these areas. Oklahoma EPSCoR's central goal is to increase the state's research competitiveness through strategic support of research instruments and facilities, research collaborations, and integrated education and research programs. It also conducts various education and human resources outreach programs designed to build Oklahoma's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce. The most recent NSF EPSCoR award for Oklahoma is a five year, \$15 million Research Infrastructure Improvement Cooperative Agreement, which has been matched by the State Regents with an additional \$5.5 million. OK EPSCoR research theme areas have included nanotechnology, plant virus biodiversity, ecology and agricultural research, and energy research.



Second Amendment



INHOFE: SENATE WON'T RATIFY U.N. ARMS TRADE TREATY

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Although the Administration has pushed for the U.S. to join the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, Senator Inhofe led his colleagues officially opposing the United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty by authoring Amendment 139 which passed the Senate 53-46 on March 23, 2013 to prevent the U.S. from entering into the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty and prevents any U.N. regulations being imposed under U.S. law, and prevents any restrictions on trading arms with our allies. Senator Inhofe also included a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act which was signed into law December 26, 2013 which prohibits any funding from being used to implement a United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty.



Senator Inhofe strongly believes in the fundamental right of Americans guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to keep and bear arms. On March 22, 2013, he signed the original "Filibuster Five" letter with Senators Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), announcing the intent to oppose any legislation that would infringe on the American people's constitutional right to bear arms. This right is always under attack. Senator Inhofe has supported the following pieces of legislation to protect Americans' constitutional right by either cosponsoring or introducing:

- **S. 2205, Second Amendment Sovereignty Act of 2012:** would express the sense of Congress that U.S. sovereignty and the constitutionally protected freedoms of American gun owners must be upheld and not be undermined by a United Nations Arms Trade Treaty. The bill prohibits funds from being obligated or expended to use U.S. influence, in connection with negotiations for a United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, to restrict the rights of U.S. citizens under the second amendment to the Constitution, or to otherwise regulate domestic manufacture, assembly, possession, use, transfer, or purchase of firearms, ammunition, or related items.
- **S.2213, Respecting States' Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2012:** would amend the federal criminal code to authorize a person who is not prohibited from possessing, transporting, shipping,

or receiving a firearm under federal law, who is entitled and not prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm in his or her state of residence or who is carrying a valid state license or permit to carry a concealed weapon, and who is carrying a government-issued photographic identification document, to carry a concealed handgun (which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, other than a machinegun or destructive device) in any state in accordance with the restrictions of that state.

- **S.843, The Ammunition Management for More Obtainability (AMMO) Act of 2013:** Inhofe introduced the legislation with Congressman Frank Lucas (R-OK-3) that would restrict any agency from acquiring more ammunition than the monthly average of rounds of ammunition purchased by the agency between Jan. 1, 2001, and December 31, 2009.
- **S. Amendments 720 and 725 to Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act of 2013:** would protect the 2nd Amendment rights of veterans and their families and improving the availability of records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, address mental illness in the criminal justice system, and end straw purchases and trafficking of illegal firearms.
- **S.572, Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act:** would clarify federal law to protect veterans from restrictions on firearm ownership.



Taxes

Senator Inhofe has consistently supported the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts voting for their original passage in the Congress. In 2013, Senator Inhofe voted to make a majority of the ***Bush tax cuts permanent saving Oklahoma families between \$2,000 and \$4,000 a year*** in marginal rates plus extending important provisions such as the \$1,000 child tax credit, \$2,500 tuition tax credit, and from reinstating the marriage penalty. ***Senator Inhofe's vote permanently kept marginal rate tax brackets from reverting to the Clinton tax rates***, permanently ensured that the alternative minimum tax does not affect middle class tax payers, and increased the death tax exemption to \$5 million and \$10 million for joint filers. Without this new death tax exemption, families throughout America would pay the Clinton rate of 55% on estates with only a \$1 million exemption.

• **S.1008 and S.1834, Indian Lands Accelerated Depreciation Permanent Extension:**

Senator Inhofe sponsored and introduced legislation that would make permanent the current tax provision that allows capital assets on Indian lands to be depreciated on an accelerated schedule. These bills provide a stable incentive for businesses to invest in operations on Indian reservations and lands across the country. In the past, this temporary measure has been approved by Congress on a yearly basis. However, this legislation will make this measure permanent, allowing much-needed stability to businesses located on Indian lands. Most recently, Macy's Department Stores announced a \$170 million investment in a new state-of-the-art facility in Owasso, Okla., that will process orders placed online and in Macy's stores across the nation. Construction is expected to begin in April 2014 and to be completed in April 2015 adding 1,500 permanent jobs and an additional 1,000 seasonal jobs to the area. Macy's executives disclosed to Senator Inhofe that one of the key reasons for Macy's expansion in Oklahoma was the Indian Lands Accelerated Depreciation tax provision.

This provision was included in S. 3521, the Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012, which passed the Senate Finance Committee on Aug. 28, 2012. A one year extension of this provision was included in H.R.8, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 enacted Jan. 2, 2013 as Public Law 112-240.

• **S. 1007 and S. 1833, Suspension of Net Income Limitation on Marginally Producing Wells:**

Senator Inhofe introduced this legislation which amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal wells. Since 1926 small producers and millions of royalty owners have had the option to utilize percentage depletion to both simplify and account for the decline in the value of minerals produced from a property. Percentage depletion is particularly important for the production of America's 611,000 low-volume marginal wells. The average marginal well produces barely 2 barrels per day, yet cumulatively they account for nearly 28 percent of domestic



production in the lower 48 states. Removing the taxable income limitation on percentage depletion allows producers to take percentage depletion deductions on a portfolio-wide, rather than a well-by-well basis. This makes marginal producers' entire operation more economical. Since 1998, Congress has understood the value of this accounting method, but it has never been made permanent.

- **S.700:** Senator Inhofe joined Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) in introducing S.700, a bill that would benefit farmers by allowing them to write off the cost of their machinery more quickly than presently allowed by the IRS. This schedule would actually be in line with accounting principles because farm equipment generally lasts about five years. The American Farm Bureau supports this legislation.
- **S. 687, A bill to provide an accelerated depreciation schedule for qualified leasehold improvements, and for other purposes:** Senator Inhofe joined 27 Senators to make permanent the provisions in the tax law that allow taxpayers who make improvements on leaseholds, qualified restaurant space, and qualified retail space, to depreciate the cost of those improvements on their taxes over a 15 year period of time. Presently, the tax code requires that these improvements be depreciated over a 39 year schedule, which is far too long relative to the actual lifespan of the improvements. Most retail and restaurant operations redo the interior of their facilities every fifteen years; but according to the current tax laws, it will take them more than twice as long to actually recover the cost of investments.

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The fiscal cliff compromise passed by Congress wasn't perfect, but it was a step forward for the nation and for Republicans. To encourage economic growth, conservatives like me believe Washington must work toward shrinking the size of federal government by keeping taxes low and cutting wasteful spending. By making the Bush-era tax cuts permanent for 99 percent of Americans, this recent deal does more to lower taxes than Republicans have accomplished in more than a decade.

Conservative opposition to this resulted from the misunderstanding that it should have cut spending. This was a tax issue, and the spending debate comes next. By settling taxes independently, this is no longer a bargaining chip for Barack Obama and congressional Democrats to use — as they have in the past — when negotiating spending cuts.

Had Congress not acted or only temporarily extended the tax cuts as in years past, the average Oklahoman would have experienced a tax increase of between \$2,000 and \$3,500. Additionally, many of our farmers, ranchers and small-business owners would have been forced to close their doors or sell land to afford the substantial death tax hike that has now been averted. Making the vast majority of those tax cuts permanent strengthens the GOP negotiating position, and makes meaningful spending cuts a greater likelihood.

President Obama wanted an unlimited debt ceiling agreement to be included in this deal, but Republicans refused. Had Democrats been successful in keeping the debates over tax and spending policy combined, they would have had the upper hand in future negotiations. In the coming weeks, the president will be forced to ask Congress for another debt limit increase. Republicans, having accomplished permanency in current tax rates, can now leverage the debate to fight for more meaningful spending cuts.

Republicans are now unified around one goal: reducing federal spending. Obama has increased the national debt by over \$5 trillion during his four years in office. Left unchecked, he will only repeat this performance in his second term. We can't allow the president's increase in the national debt limit to come without first securing meaningful spending reductions and program reforms that permanently improve the direction of our national budget.

One of my key priorities during this debate will be to secure at least \$1 in additional spending cuts for every \$1 increase in the debt limit allowed. Last Congress I introduced a bill to replace the defense cuts with further reductions in nondefense spending and with reforms to mandatory entitlement programs. It also redirected additional savings to increase spending on national defense to 4 percent of GDP, which is an appropriate target to maintain our national security advantage.

In the coming months these are the reforms my conservative colleagues and I will be fighting for. And now that the tax cuts have been made permanent, we will be fighting for spending cuts from a position of strength.



Veterans

Ensuring Veterans Receive Full Benefits

Senator Inhofe and Senator Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) have consistently introduced bills and amendments to eliminate the unjust offset between the Department of Veterans Affairs Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and the Department of Defense's Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). Currently, when a military retiree passes away, the retirement pay they have earned during their service stops and surviving spouses or dependents will lose access to that income. At the time of retirement, retirees have the option to participate in the Survivors Benefit Plan. The SBP will provide surviving dependents with a portion of the deceased's retirement pay. SBP is paid for out of the individuals' retirement income. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation is a program through the Veterans Administration that provides an annuity to survivors of Veterans who have died as a result of military service. Surviving spouses are eligible to receive both SBP and DIC benefits but federal law requires a \$1 reduction of SBP benefits for every \$1 received in DIC. Often times this offset can zero-out the surviving dependents' SBP compensation and eliminate benefits that have previously been paid for out of the retirement pay.

Medical Care for Veterans

Senator Inhofe strongly opposed any increase in health care fees for our nation's veterans and voiced his concerns with Secretary of the Army John McHugh and U.S. Army General Raymond Odierno, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. One of the highlights of the recently signed National Defense Authorization Act was the removal of President Obama's calls for hefty increases to TriCare enrollment fees keeping medical care affordable for our veterans.

Senator Inhofe cosponsored S.1740 that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out specified major medical facility leases in 19 states, including Oklahoma. This bill authorized the funding for the VA outpatient clinic in Tulsa to expand and improve the clinic. With this funding, the clinic will now be able to provide primary care, women's health, imaging, specialty care, physical therapy, audiology, optometry, mental health, prosthetics, dentistry and a pharmacy.

Veterans Employment

Of the 21.2 million veterans in this country, 7.6 percent of them are unemployed. Senator Inhofe included a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 that emphasizes the necessary improvement of management and oversight by the Departments of Defense and Labor associated with the veteran unemployment compensation program and payments. In addition, there are numerous redundant websites and portals managed by federal agencies to provide employment services to veterans. This provision stresses the importance of a single portal for veterans to find jobs and employers to post jobs by streamlining the existing employment portals into a consolidated portal. Of those unemployed veterans, 25,000 are in Oklahoma. This provision will provide an effective solution to help Oklahoma's and the nation's unemployed veterans.

"As representing military communities from across the nation, we recognize and understand, as Senator Inhofe does, that the most important thing we can do for our nation's warfighters and veterans as they return from over 12 years of war is to get them back to work as quickly as possible. Nothing does more to allow our military veterans to get back to a normal way of life than to have a job; we thank Senator Inhofe for always being there to recognize the needs of our nation's veterans and their families that have sacrificed so much for all of us."

- Mike Cooper, Vice President and President-elect of the Association of Defense Communities

Veteran Education

Senator Inhofe is the original cosponsor of S.1643 with Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) that requires the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Improvement to include veterans' representative of the post 9/11 operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Committee advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on existing VA education benefit programs and services; recommends needed new education benefit programs and services; and assists in long-range planning and development.

Welfare Reform



S. 874, the Ending Mobile Phone Welfare Act of 2013 Act: Senators Vitter (R-La.), Inhofe and Coats (R-Ind.) introduced this bill which would prevent commercial mobile service providers from passing the cost to all mobile customers for the lifeline program which has become a program where the federal government supplies free cell phones.

S. 1904, the Welfare Reform Act: Senator Inhofe joined former-Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) and 10 other Senators to reduce the welfare state through various reforms, including transparency on means-tested welfare spending, an aggregate spending cap at pre-stimulus 2007 levels with budget resolution enforcement, reallocation of funds to grants to states that successfully reduce poverty and increase self-sufficiency, limiting the allowable use of food stamps to “essential foods”, work requirements for beneficiaries and a prohibition on welfare programs using federal funds to provide abortions or abortion-related services. For every person added to job rolls since January 2009, 75 people have been added to food stamp rolls. Also, total spending on food stamps is now more than \$80 billion annually.

S.J.Res 50 and S.J.Res 9: Senator Inhofe joined Senator Hatch (R-Utah) and other Senators on a Congressional Review Act resolution to disapprove of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) eliminating work requirements for welfare.

S. Amendments 279 and 280 to the Senate Budget (S.Con.Res 8): Senator Inhofe introduce the amendments that would reduce spending levels for work waivers under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and to implement drug testing programs for applicants and recipients of assistance under any federal welfare program, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Touring the Loaves & Fish Food Pantry in Enid, Oklahoma in July 2013.





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Senator Inhofe's Oklahoma field offices help to fulfill the important role of assisting constituents with casework when they are having trouble with a federal agency. The following are the successes of the past two years:

Completed 3176 cases for 2012:

- 999 Veterans/Military
- 668 SSA, Medicare/Healthcare
- 123 Immigration
- 728 Transportation, Labor, IRS
- 479 Tours/Academies
- 179 Education, FEMA, HUD, SBA

Completed 1640 cases for 2013:

- 727 Veterans/Military
- 168 SSA, Medicare, Healthcare, DHS, Corps of Engineers, Interior, EPA
- 80 Immigration, FCC, FTC, Energy, Dept. of State
- 122 Transportation, Labor, Treasury, Grants
- 521 Tours and Academies
- 22 FEMA, SBA, Education, Housing

Currently, the office is working on 2,140 cases for constituents:

- 740 Veterans/Military
- 434 SSA, Medicare, Healthcare, DHS, Corps of Engineers, Interior, EPA
- 364 Immigration, FCC, FTC, Energy, Dept. of State
- 450 Transportation, Labor, Treasury, Grants
- 111 Tours and Academies
- 41 FEMA, SBA, Education, Housing

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TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Given the choice, World War II veteran Phillip Coon probably wouldn't want the formality and fuss of being honored on a military base with men and women standing at attention, dressed in full regalia — even if it was with a fistful of long-overdue medals he waited decades to receive.

So it's fitting that the awards were presented to the humble Tulsa-area man Monday evening in an informal ceremony at the Tulsa International Airport, with family and fellow veterans in attendance and little pomp and circumstance.

The 94-year-old survivor of a POW labor camp and the Bataan Death March received the Prisoner of War Medal, Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge after he and his son, Michael, returned from a trip to Japan to promote understanding and healing with the U.S.

A couple of dozen people applauded wildly after the medals were presented to Coon, who was seated in a wheelchair. He lifted his ball cap in recognition, exposing a shock of silver hair.

"I've been blessed to come this far in life," he said, a tear streaming down one cheek. "I thank the Lord for watching over me."

Japan's Foreign Ministry said Coon visited the site of the former POW camp in Kosaka next to a now defunct copper mine where he was put to forced labor. The veteran also met the mayor and other officials in Kosaka, in Japan's northern prefecture of Akita.

Coon, who lives in Sapulpa in northeastern Oklahoma, served as an infantry machine gunner in the Army. He is also a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines in 1942, when the Japanese military forced tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers to trek for 65 miles with little food or water in blazing heat. As many as 11,000 died along the way.

It's not clear why Coon didn't get his medals before now, but such occurrences with awards are not uncommon in the military.

"It continues to trouble me that there are instances where service members do not receive the service medals they have earned through the course of their careers," said U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, whose office contacted the military three weeks ago about the missing medals. **"But it is extremely rewarding for me and my staff to be able to help veterans and active-duty members receive the honors they have fought for."**

Retired Maj. Gen. Rita Aragon, Oklahoma's secretary of military and veterans' affairs, said most veterans were — rightly — more focused on reuniting with their families than chasing after military ribbons when they returned after the war. Aragon presented the medals to Coon during the airport ceremony.

Tulsa veteran David Rule, who served in the Vietnam War, helped Coon and his family to find out why his medals hadn't been issued. For the past 10 years or so, Rule has helped recognize about 150 area veterans by memorializing their names, ranks and branches of service on granite plaques that are presented to them and their families.

"I have a passion for these servicemen," Rule said earlier Monday. "They just sacrificed so much. It doesn't matter to me whether they were a cook or a four-star general, just for them to get this million-dollar smile on their face when they know they aren't forgotten."



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OPPOSITE THE EDITORIAL FOR 2012

THE OKLAHOMAN: President Obama's defense strategy is dangerous, January 11: "Obama's shift is an abandonment of our military's traditional two-front strategy. The result of his divestment is a significant reduction in land forces when our men and women in uniform are already stretched thin, a heavier reliance on an overworked National Guard like those in the 45th deployed in Afghanistan, and a continued use of old equipment that in some cases dates to the Eisenhower administration."

THE HILL: Obama's dangerous defense doctrine, January 12: "The first priority of our government is the protection of our nation and its citizens through a robust national defense. President Obama's new approach is clearly inadequate. While the Pentagon has endured cuts and draw downs in the past, like those prior to the Reagan administration and again during the Clinton administration, President Obama's cuts and the accompanying shift in strategy are unprecedented."

EDMOND SUN: Consequences of an overregulated nation, February 13: "Overreaching government regulations are costing jobs and killing our economy. They are a heavy burden on our nation and its citizens – in some cases worse than our nation's increasingly out-of-control debt. These past few years, most of my time in the Senate has been focused on fighting the culprit behind these regulations: President Obama and his administration."

THE OKLAHOMAN: Obama's budget is bad for Oklahoma, February 17: "We shouldn't be surprised by the details of President Obama's fiscal year 2013 budget. It's his fourth budget since becoming president, and with a deficit projection of \$1.3 trillion this year, it means that each of Obama's four years in office will be marked by deficits in excess of \$1 trillion. Four years of deficit spending totaling \$5.3 trillion is bad enough for our nation and state, but the energy provisions in the president's budget pose a real threat to Oklahoma's economy."

PERRY DAILY JOURNAL: America: A dependent nation, February 29: "Under the leadership of President Obama, more people now depend on government assistance than ever before in the history of the United States. According to the Heritage Foundation, the U.S. witnessed a 23 percent increase in government dependency during the first two years of Obama's presidency. President Obama's 2008 campaign theme of hope and change has resulted in nothing more than despair and addiction to government assistance."

WASHINGTON EXAMINER: New U.S. deal props up North Korean tyranny, again, March 7: "Obama thinks this latest nonproliferation agreement will be honored, he is naive. And that endangers us all. When this deal falls apart, just like all the ones before it, hopefully it will not be too late to find a different approach that avoids propping up the dictatorial regime."

TOWNHALL.COM: Obama's fair-weathered friendship with Israel, March 9: "President Obama's speech before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) last Sunday was an attempt at making an empty glass look half full. Then on Monday, when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the White House, President Obama said his commitment to Israel is "rock solid." But when surveying all of Obama's policies toward Israel to date, that rock solid support looks more like putty."

EDMOND SUN: Obamacare's terrible twos, March 27: "The broken promises make it clear: Obamacare is not the prescription America needs. Its second-year gift that keeps on giving is even higher record deficits for future generations. Before these costs spiral further out of control, the best medicine is to repeal and replace President Obama's so-called health care reform."

POLITICO: Law of the Sea would usurp U.S. Navy's authority, May 23: "The Senate should reject this dangerous hand over of U.S. sovereignty. Instead, it should provide the Navy with the resources necessary to keep it the best force on the high seas."

THE HILL: Defense sequestration: It's about the economy and national security, June 27: "It's Democrats' worst election nightmare: a million more workers about to be unemployed coupled with a U.S. military unable to meet its national security commitments worldwide."

McALESTER NEWS DAILY: The Rocket's Red Glare, July 5: "Most Americans are very familiar with the lyrics to the first verse of our National Anthem. However, few are familiar with the other verses originally penned as a poem by Francis Scott Key."

EDMOND SUN: Sequestration will mean fewer Oklahoma jobs, July 20: "According to research by Stephen Fuller at George Mason University, Oklahoma could lose up to 16,000 jobs, possibly 20,000 jobs if military personnel were included in sequestration cuts. This would be devastating to Oklahoma families and communities that have given their strong support to our five military installations."

THE OKLAHOMAN: Air show spotlights Oklahoma's leadership in aerospace, July 22: "Recently we had the exciting opportunity to see Oklahoma's leadership in the aerospace industry highlighted on the world stage at the Farnborough International Airshow in England. At Farnborough, nations and industries showcase the latest in aviation and defense technologies."



WASHINGTON TIMES: U.N. treaties mean LOST U.S. sovereignty, July 25: “For years, liberals and misguided State Department officials have pushed for the U.S. Senate to ratify the Law of the Sea Treaty (LOST). This treaty would convey ownership of the oceans to a United Nations agency and give international bureaucrats veto authority over U.S. naval operations and could force the United States to comply with international carbon emissions caps.”

THE HILL: U.S. must lead from position of strength, not weakness, September 12: “The abhorrent attacks on our U.S. embassy in Cairo and consulate in Benghazi, suspiciously timed on the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks refocuses the spotlight on America’s need for a dramatic shift to a new foreign policy.”

ROLL CALL: Inhofe: Don’t Waste Precious Defense Funds on Biofuels, December 3: “Our military has deployed to more locations around the world at a far greater rate than was ever the case during the Cold War. After almost two decades of fighting multiple contingencies worldwide with a force structure that is 40 percent smaller and equipment that is decades old, our military readiness is declining.”

OPPOSITE THE EDITORIAL FOR 2013

THE OKLAHOMAN: GOP now in a stronger position, January 9: “Republicans are now unified around one goal: reducing federal spending. Obama has increased the national debt by over \$5 trillion during his four years in office. Left unchecked, he will only repeat this performance in his second term. We can’t allow the president’s increase in the national debt limit to come without first securing meaningful spending reductions and program reforms that permanently improve the direction of our national budget.”

WASHINGTON POST: The Wrong Man To Be Defense Secretary, January 25: “While I respect Hagel’s continued willingness to serve his country, I feel we are too philosophically opposed on the most pressing issues confronting the security of our nation. Issues related to our nation’s defense spending, international engagement and support for allies and nuclear modernization are just some examples where we are far apart. I cannot support his nomination.”

CNN: Forced budget cuts a disaster for military, February 20: “During the third and final presidential debate last October, President Obama made a promise to the American people. Sequestration, a package of forced budget cuts, “is not something I proposed,” he said. “It will not happen. What a difference 100 days make.”

WALL STREET JOURNAL: ‘Nuclear Zero’ Offers Nothing Worth Having, February 25: “President Obama has repeatedly identified nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism as key dangers to the United States and its allies. His analysis is correct, but that cannot be said about the centerpiece of his response: declaring America’s commitment to eliminate its own nuclear weapons on the way to a world of “nuclear zero.” Meanwhile, he has neglected to modernize the weapons that are essential to American security.”

THE OKLAHOMAN: Enforcing current laws is crucial in gun debate, February 27: “My heart grieves for the birthdays, graduations and anniversaries that have been unjustly stolen in recent months, but we must realize a person — not just a bullet — took these lives. For a safer America, our focus must first be on enforcing current laws, not further restricting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens, and ensuring weapons stay out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill.”

THE HILL: President Obama must get serious about challenges facing the military, April 16: “With threats that are far more complex and widespread, a repeat of the failures of the past cannot be tolerated. I pledge to work with Congress and the president to overcome the sequester of the Defense Department and to help provide our military leadership the budgetary flexibility and certainty they desperately need. Our men and women in uniform, the American people, and our friends around the world deserve better than sequestration and it is our shared responsibility — both the president and the Congress — to ensure that it is replaced.”

FOREIGN POLICY: Off to a Bad Start, April 18: “As the gap between what was promised for modernization and what is provided continues to grow, it becomes increasingly difficult to achieve the responsive nuclear infrastructure that even the president acknowledges is essential for nuclear reductions and the continuing credibility of our nuclear deterrent.”

USA TODAY: Obama can’t wish away Syrian crisis, May 9: “Two years have passed, more than 70,000 have died, and the horrific violence in Syria shows no signs of abating. Bashar al-Assad’s use of chemical weapons against his fellow Syrians has clearly crossed President Obama’s self-imposed “red line” and marks a significant turning point in a tragic chapter in the region’s history. Without American leadership, the situation will continue its downward spiral.”



INVESTORS BUSINESS DAILY: To Defeat Iran, Drill For Energy At Home, May 10: “Most importantly, enacting the Iran Sanctions Implementation Act of 2013 would cut off Iran’s most important source of government revenue. By turning off this spigot, we would curtail Iran’s ability to fund its nuclear program and influence rogue actors like Syria. Doing anything short of this will only serve the interests of our enemy.”

POLITICO: Shrinking Defense Dollars and Biofuels, June 17: “After nearly four months on the job, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel finds himself in an unenviable position. In the face of a global security environment that is as complex and dangerous as any time in recent history, he’s charged with overseeing a military teetering on an unprecedented fiscal precipice.”

TAIPEI TIMES: Securing a place for Taiwan at the table, June 24: “After decades of dynamic economic growth and the emergence of a dynamic democracy, Taiwan ought to stand shoulder to shoulder with its neighbors in the vibrant East Asia region. However, the nation’s unresolved political status is creating an increasingly large gap in many areas of international cooperation. One of those is international air travel to and from Taiwan.”

THE HILL: Energy independence, today, June 26: “The United States stands at the threshold of the long elusive goal of energy independence and renewed economic strength. America has vast oil and gas reserves waiting to be unleashed, but access to those resources-and the jobs they will bring-are being stonewalled by the Obama Administration.”

USA TODAY: Obama climate plan harms economy, June 27: “Cloaked in promises for a brighter future, the president’s speech is simply more of the same. Americans have already rejected the president’s global warming agenda and new energy taxes, which will cost the economy \$400 billion a year. However, now that the president has been re-elected, he feels free to pursue the regulations he was afraid to impose before his last election day.”

OKLAHOMA PAPERS: Repealing Obama’s Ethanol Mandate, August 20: “The RFS rule is bad policy. I have led the fight in Congress to repeal this burdensome mandate that President Obama is ignoring, most recently by offering an amendment to the Senate farm bill (S.954) that would allow states to opt-out of the EPA’s rule. I will also continue to pursue policies that enable our cars, trucks, and tractors to be fueled by domestic fuels like natural gas that improve efficiency and affordability without competing with our food supply or threatening our national security.”

TULSA WORLD: Stripping commanders’ authority is a grave mistake, August 24: “Service members who are victims of sexual assault must be confident that they can count on the most powerful weapon in the military’s fight against this heinous crime: their commander.”

OKLAHOMA ECONOMIC REPORT: Defense Dividends, August 29: “Not only does a strong military secure our soil from foreign threats, but it also proves to be a strong investment in our economy. Oklahoma proudly represents the military with its five installations that contributes more than 64,000 jobs for our state’s economy. Other direct economic impacts come in the form of military construction projects, service contracts, and expenditures for equipment and materials – all vital to the mission of the Department of Defense (DOD).”

US NEWS: Obama’s Syria Plan Is Strikes Masquerading as Strategy, September 10: “The president’s insistence on military action without a long-term strategy and proper funding is destined to repeat the failures of President Clinton’s misadventure in Iraq. Tactical strikes masquerading as strategy is not a substitute for an effective foreign policy. It failed to deter a brutal tyrant in 1998, and it will fail to deter Assad today.”

WASHINGTON TIMES: The Growing Divide in Military Readiness, September 18: “As Congress considers the overall spending of the federal government in the months ahead, we must remember and preserve the faith and commitment we have established with our military.”

WASHINGTON TIMES: The U.N. Arms Trade Treaty is dead on arrival, September 27: “This week, Secretary of State John F. Kerry signed the United Nations’ Arms Trade Treaty on behalf of the United States. In doing so, he and the Obama administration have made our country a signatory nation to a treaty that the Senate has signaled it won’t ratify.”

THE HILL: White House regulating problems that don’t exist, October 1: “Seven years ago, the BBC reported that summer ice in the Arctic would completely disappear by 2013. Bold predictions like this are the norm in the climate change community and are widely reported on by the mainstream media.”

OKLAHOMA PAPERS: Celebrating National Adoption Month, November 25

THE OKLAHOMAN: Jim Inhofe: Existing sanctions on Iran must continue, December 1: “At a time when harsh sanctions have inflicted unprecedented pressure on the Iranian economy, Obama’s agreement with President Hassan Rouhani has weakened our leverage and legitimized a brutal state sponsor of terrorism.”

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ONLINE MEDIA

E-NEWSLETTERS:

2012: Mailings: 21 Readers: 55,440
 2013: Mailings: 16 Readers: 91,259

YOUTUBE.COM/jiminhofepressoffice

Videos Uploaded in 2012-2013: 190 videos, Total: 743
 New Subscribers in 2012-2013: 348 gained, Total: 1,095
 Views in 2012-2013: 414,828, Total: 1,615,958 views

Sept. 4, 2013, Senator Inhofe delivered a video response to a classified briefing on Syria as SASC ranking member.



Inhofe Statement After Classified Briefing on Syria
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July 23, 2013, Senator Inhofe gets EPA Nominee Ken Kopicis on the record that he is unaware of any link between fracking & groundwater contamination.



Another EPA Advisor Admits No Link Between Hydraulic Fract...
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Oct. 22, 2012, Senator Inhofe's office put together a video on how President Obama is disarming America.



Disarming America
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Posts in 2012-2013: 489 posts
 New Followers in 2012-2013: 11,328 new page likes
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636 Likes, **294** Comments, **72** Shares
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Senator Jim Inhofe
 The U.N. Arms Trade Treaty that just passed in the General Assembly today would require the United States to implement gun-control legislation as required by the treaty, which could supersede the laws our elected officials have already put into place. Recently 53 Senators went on the record voting in favor of my amendment to stop the State Department from negotiating this treaty. It's time the Obama Administration recognizes it is already a non-starter, and Americans will not stand for internationalists limiting and infringing upon their Constitutional rights. Furthermore, this treaty could also disrupt diplomatic and national security efforts by preventing our government from assisting allies like Taiwan, South Korea, or Israel when they require assistance. I will continue to work with my colleagues Sens. Moran, Manchin, and others to ensure the American people's voices are heard and that this treaty is not ratified.

April 2, 2013

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