

U.S. SEN. JIM INHOFE

Annual Accomplishments Report 2014



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FROM JIM

Dear friends,

My heart is always with the great state of Oklahoma. Each year, I strive to defend our state from Washington bureaucracy and oppressive regulations and to preserve our values by passing legislation that improves the livelihood of Oklahomans.

This past year was no different. I worked to protect Oklahoma from the Washington-knows-best mentality and took action that spans from addressing unnecessary energy and environmental regulations to preventing politicized cuts to our national defense resources. The administration's crippling regulations and attempts to change Oklahoma's voice of reason are not going to be allowed as long as I serve our great state.

In this year's Annual Report, you will find a compilation of my work for the people of Oklahoma. It was an honor playing a leading role in passing several pieces of legislation that advance Oklahoma's future, to include the National Defense Authorization Act, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, and the American Airlines employee tax relief legislation. The greatest honor of all was ending 2014 by being elected once again to serve you in Washington.

I hope you find this report helpful and informative.

With steadfast devotion to Oklahoma,



LEADERSHIP

COMMITTEES:

Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)
- Ranking Member (2014)
Senate Committee on Intelligence
Senate Environment & Public Works (EPW)
Committee
- Senior Member (2014)

CAUCUSES:

Adoption Caucus, *Co-chair*
Army Caucus, *Co-chair*
Taiwanese Caucus, *Co-chair*
Unmanned Systems Caucus, *Co-chair*
Aerospace Caucus
Air Force Caucus
Deport Caucus
Enforcement 1st 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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"2014 Thomas Jefferson Award"
National Stripper Well Association,
"Legislator of the Year Award"
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"Spirit of Enterprise Award"
Oklahoma Primary Care Association,
"Appreciation Award"
Club For Growth,
"Defender of Economic Freedom"

American Conservative Union,
"Conservative Award"
Center for Transatlantic Relations,
"Mediterranean Leadership Award"
National School Boards Association,
"Special Recognition Award"
Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority,
"NERO Achievement in Excellence Award"
National Federation of Independent Business,
"Guardian of Small Business Award"
Competitive Enterprise Institute,
"Champion of the Worker Award"
National Taxpayers Union,
"Taxpayer's Friend Award"
National Association of Manufacturers,
"Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence"

ADOPTION

Sen. Jim Inhofe is a strong supporter of adoption. In 2014, Inhofe served as the co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption, a caucus that promotes adoption, assists American families with foreign adoption and highlights families that have opened their hearts and homes to adoption and the foster care system.

In 2014, Inhofe cosponsored the following legislation in support of adoption:

S.2475, Children in Families First Act of 2014: Legislation that would establish an office within Department of State to support child welfare laws and policies to promote permanent family care for children without families in foreign countries.

S.2570, Tribal Adoption Parity Act: Legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to allow Indian tribes to make the determination that a child is a child with special needs for the purposes of the adoption tax credit.

S.2706, Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2014: Legislation would prevent the federal government from discriminating or taking an adverse action against a child welfare service provider that declines to provide, facilitate or refer a child welfare service that conflicts with the provider's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions

S.Res.456, National Foster Care Month resolution: Recognizes National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges that children in the foster care system face, and encourages Congress to implement policies to improve the lives of those in foster care. *This resolution, which was co-authored by Inhofe was passed in the U.S. Senate on May 22, 2014.*

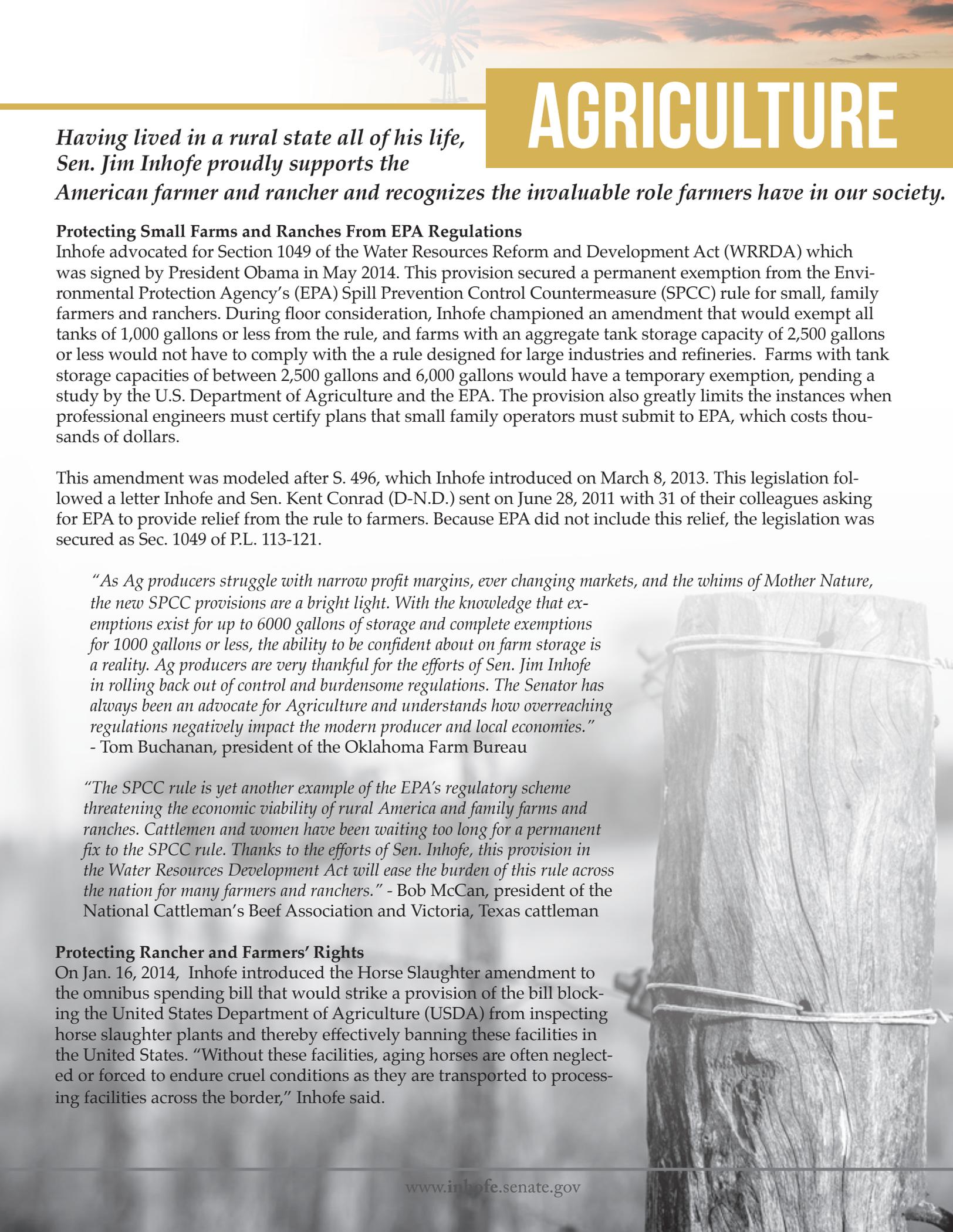
S.Res.502, DRC adoption resolution: Affirms the Senate's commitment to resolving the suspension of adoptions in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and asks the DRC to resume processing adoptions. *The resolution, which Inhofe co-sponsored, was passed by the U.S. Senate on July 15, 2014.*

S. Res 580, National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month. *The resolution was passed by the U.S. Senate on Nov. 20, 2014.*



“Every fall, Angels in Adoption hosts an annual gala in Washington, D.C. to honor those who have chosen to grow their families through adoption. Each year I have the honor to be involved in the nomination of a person or family from Oklahoma. In 2014, I had the pleasure of meeting in my office native Oklahoman Shelley Cadamy, who was recognized at the event for opening her heart and home to three children who had once been in the foster care system. Shelley is passionate about foster care and adoption, especially of older children who are often overlooked because of their age. Shelley is not only an anchor for her kids, but a resource and guide through her personal blog for those in and beyond Oklahoma interested in adopting from the foster care system. America is a better place because of people like Shelley Cadamy and her commitment to children in need of a loving family.”

— U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe



AGRICULTURE

Having lived in a rural state all of his life, Sen. Jim Inhofe proudly supports the American farmer and rancher and recognizes the invaluable role farmers have in our society.

Protecting Small Farms and Ranches From EPA Regulations

Inhofe advocated for Section 1049 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) which was signed by President Obama in May 2014. This provision secured a permanent exemption from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Spill Prevention Control Countermeasure (SPCC) rule for small, family farmers and ranchers. During floor consideration, 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 a rule designed for large industries and refineries. Farms with tank storage capacities of between 2,500 gallons and 6,000 gallons would have a temporary exemption, pending a study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the EPA. The provision also greatly limits the instances when professional engineers must certify plans that small family operators must submit to EPA, which costs thousands of dollars.

This amendment was modeled after S. 496, which Inhofe introduced on March 8, 2013. This legislation followed a letter Inhofe and Sen. Kent Conrad (D-N.D.) sent on June 28, 2011 with 31 of their colleagues asking for EPA to provide relief from the rule to farmers. Because EPA did not include this relief, the legislation was secured as Sec. 1049 of P.L. 113-121.

"As Ag producers struggle with narrow profit margins, ever changing markets, and the whims of Mother Nature, the new SPCC provisions are a bright light. With the knowledge that exemptions exist for up to 6000 gallons of storage and complete exemptions for 1000 gallons or less, the ability to be confident about on farm storage is a reality. Ag producers are very thankful for the efforts of Sen. Jim Inhofe in rolling back out of control and burdensome regulations. The Senator has always been an advocate for Agriculture and understands how overreaching regulations negatively impact the modern producer and local economies."
- Tom Buchanan, president of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau

"The SPCC rule is yet another example of the EPA's regulatory scheme threatening the economic viability of rural America and family farms and ranches. Cattlemen and women have been waiting too long for a permanent fix to the SPCC rule. Thanks to the efforts of Sen. Inhofe, this provision in the Water Resources Development Act will ease the burden of this rule across the nation for many farmers and ranchers." - Bob McCan, president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Victoria, Texas cattleman

Protecting Rancher and Farmers' Rights

On Jan. 16, 2014, Inhofe introduced the Horse Slaughter amendment to the omnibus spending bill that would strike a provision of the bill blocking the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) from inspecting horse slaughter plants and thereby effectively banning these facilities in the United States. "Without these facilities, aging horses are often neglected or forced to endure cruel conditions as they are transported to processing facilities across the border," Inhofe said.

ARMED SERVICES



In 2014, the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) under Chairman Carl Levin and Ranking Member Jim Inhofe held numerous hearings to provide oversight of the state of our nation’s military under the leadership of President Obama. The following are the top three hearings that brought to light or reaffirmed a narrative that our nation’s military is not being provided the resources to match its commitments around the world.

Sequestration

The Department of Defense (DOD) has already absorbed nearly \$500 billion in defense cuts after President Obama first took office, and it has been facing another \$500 billion cuts under sequestration as this president continues to pursue the systematic disarming of U.S. military power. Despite the president promising on the 2012 presidential campaign trail that, “sequestration will not happen,” it hit our military in 2013. Between civilian furloughs, pink slips issued to deployed troops, and the degradation of military readiness, Congress responded by giving the DOD a brief two-year reprieve from the cuts. With DOD facing the return of sequestration on Oct. 1, 2015, SASC, at the request of Inhofe, held a hearing on April 3, 2014, to shed light on the impacts the budgets cuts will have to our nation’s military should sequestration remain.

April 3, 2014 – SASC hearing titled “Army Posture Hearing,” with witness Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno: “We will be required to further reduce the Active Army to 420,000, the National Guard to 315,000 and the US Army Reserve to 185,000. At these end strength funding levels, we will not be able to execute the defense strategy. In my - in my opinion, this will call into question our ability to execute even one prolonged multiphase major contingency operation.”

ISIL Threat to National Security

The president does not have a strategy in the Middle East, let alone a strategy to defeat ISIL. His failure to understand the threat posed by ISIL, a team he referred to as Junior Varsity (JV), has resulted in military operations in Iraq and Syria that are nothing more than pinpricks. The president must develop and implement a comprehensive, coherent and effective strategy in the Middle East, which includes defeating ISIL. He must do this by listening to his commanders on the ground. Inhofe’s question in the SASC hearing led to Gen. Martin Dempsey stating he would put boots on the ground if necessary, a commitment the president to date refuses to make.



Sept. 16, 2014 - SASC hearing titled, "Syria and the Threat Posed by ISIL," with witnesses Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Joint Chief of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey:

Inhofe: "In your opinion, are the pilots dropping bombs in Iraq, as they're doing, a direct combat mission? And second, will US forces be prepared to provide combat search and rescue if a pilot gets shot down, and will they put boots on the ground to make that rescue successful?"

Dempsey: "Yes and Yes."

Military Capability Battling Trafficked Drugs

In our hemisphere, violence is escalating throughout Central and South America and Mexico as a result of ruthless transnational criminal organizations. They now operate in West Africa, Europe, Asia and have a presence in more than 1,200 cities in the United States. As a result of budget constraints, U.S. Southern Command is unable to carry out its mission of interdicting vessels that are illegally transporting narcotics and possibly other threats into the United States. Due to Inhofe's questioning during a SASC hearing, Gen. John Kelly shared that the U.S. military is unable to interdict 75 percent of cocaine trafficking heading towards the United States. The president cannot continue to slash defense funding and dismantle our military and expect our service men and women to be able to defend effectively the nation at home and abroad.

March 13, 2014 - SASC hearing titled, "US Northern Command and US Southern Command Hearing," with witness Gen. John F. Kelly:

Inhofe: "If you look at seizures, and – there's a direct relationship with the assets that are out there. And this is what really bothers me, because I think you have made a statement, *I think it was in our office, that there is a – 75% of the cocaine trafficking heading toward the US, that you can see it, but you can't interdict it.* Is that accurate?"

Kelly: "Yes, sir... They're there, yes. Sir.... I watch them go by."

Inhofe: "And if you had the assets to do it, you could interdict them."

Kelly: "I could interdict them."

DOD EBOLA RESPONSE

The Ebola crisis in West Africa during 2014 inflicted unspeakable suffering and claimed the lives of thousands. This deadly disease overwhelmed local governments and presented a complex crisis for the international community whose onset leadership was limited and sluggish. The Obama Administration determined that the only organization in the world capable of responding with the skills and agility necessary to quickly surge capacity was the U.S. military. In mid-September, the president came to Congress to request \$1 billion in defense funds and the deployment of 3,000 of our troops to respond to the crisis, as Ebola cases had reached epidemic proportions. When the request first came to Congress to mobilize our troops, the administration failed to present a plan with sufficient details on the size, scope and intended duration of the mission. Further, the request failed to layout protocol for protecting our troops in what remains a volatile security and health environment. As ranking member of the

Senate Armed Services Committee, Inhofe released only \$100 million of the requested funds so that the DOD could quickly begin response while Congress conducted proper oversight of the mission. Inhofe placed stipulations on releasing any further funds, which included a protocol for protecting the troops from an Ebola outbreak and a commitment to transition the mission to appropriate aid organizations and governments once requested funds expired. Two weeks later, the administration identified a revised cost estimate of \$750 million to support operations of up to 4,000 troops for a period of six months and provided additional details on the measures to protect the health of our deployed servicemembers. Inhofe and the leaders on the Armed Services Committees granted the Obama administration the funds appropriate for the mission. On Feb. 10, 2015, the Obama Administration announced it intends to meet its deadline of removing troops from West Africa within six months and would begin transitioning the mission to humanitarian aid organizations. At the time of this report, no military members have contracted Ebola, and troops built ten Ebola treatment units and aided with the construction of four others in the region.

ARMED SERVICES



“This legislation ensures that America keeps its promise to care and provide for our servicemembers and their families, & contains many provisions benefiting the state of Oklahoma & the communities that support our military installations.”

— U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT ★ FY 2015

On Dec. 12, 2014, Congress stood once again in strong bipartisan support of our nation’s more than 2.1 million men and women in uniform by passing the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the 53rd consecutive year. Our military make brave and honorable sacrifices every day in defense of the nation and our interests around the world. They continue to do so despite the shrinking resources due to defense budget cuts under the Obama administration and increased global threats, including the rise of one of the most well-funded, brutal terrorist organizations in history.

Despite limitations presented by defense budget cuts, the fiscal year 2015 NDAA ensured that America continued to keep its promise to care and provide for our service members and their families with necessary benefits as well as proper training and adequate resources to carry out assigned missions effectively and safely. Most importantly, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees were able to protect military members from the president’s proposed budget cuts to compensation while also maintaining readiness for another year. The committee found savings by granting the request of the Joint Chiefs to slow the growth of inflation to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) by 1 percent for only one year. This small adjustment will still allow service members who move in 2015 to find off-base housing across the nation within their allotted BAH. The legislation denied the president’s request to slash the commissary budget by \$200 million, and included a provision to protect the reduced prices of goods sold at these on-base facilities. While the president sought higher fees for TRICARE enrollment, the NDAA authorized TRICARE co-pays to increase by roughly \$3 for prescriptions not purchased on base. On base prescriptions remain free. The money saved from these measures was designated to go directly to necessary training and resources to enable our service members to carry out their missions effectively and safely. Until sequestration is addressed, small adjustments were made to avoid drastic reductions in military readiness that could risk the lives of our service members.

The NDAA also cut costs and found efficiencies within the defense budget through smarter weapon purchases and by limiting the president’s costly green agenda. It also included several provisions critical for preserving our national security and ensuring Oklahoma remains a leader in providing for our military.

NDAA PROVISIONS SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA

Prohibiting BRAC: Sen. Jim Inhofe supported language that makes clear that nothing in the FY'15 NDAA shall be construed to authorize a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round next year. The United States has reduced force capability to an unacceptable level, and it should not be brought down any further in the near-term. Furthermore, our national security has an immediate fiscal crisis and the defense community should not bear the near-term costs of a BRAC round in this tough economic climate for savings that will not be realized for another 20 years.

Retaining AWACS: The NDAA prohibited the White House's proposal for the Air Force to retire, or prepare to retire, 25 percent of the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) fleet and prohibited the Air Force from making any significant changes in AWACS personnel levels until next year. For the past two decades, AWACS have been under constant, heavy demand, supporting overseas contingency operations as well as homeland defense missions. The president's proposal would have inactivated the 513th Reserve Control Group at Tinker Air Force Base and devastate a key military capability.

Supporting the KC-46A: The NDAA included full funding for the KC-46A tanker aircraft. This funding will keep delivery of the first KC-46A to Altus Air Force Base on track for 2016. The legislation also authorized funding for needed military construction and family housing projects. This included funding for KC-46A construction at Tinker Air Force Base. KC-46A maintenance will be conducted at Tinker while training will be conducted at Altus.

Continuing PIM: The Paladin Integrated Management (PIM) program is key to the modernization of the Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzer and the U.S. artillery force. The NDAA granted the Army's request of \$330.7 million for the continued development and prototyping of the next generation Paladin self-propelled howitzer artillery system. The modernization and integration is completed at the BAE System facility in Elgin, Okla.

Supporting OK National Guard: The NDAA authorized the transfer of up to 13 MC-12 aircraft to the Oklahoma Air National Guard, flown in support of U.S. Special Operations Command's requirements to train partner nation militaries as well as conduct in-

telligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. The legislation also included funding for a National Guard and Reserve Equipment account needed to sustain and modernize the National Guard and Reserve Components as an operational reserve and for their domestic support missions.

Strengthening Cyber Security: Today's weaponry is highly sophisticated and cyber-enabled, resulting in a distributed, yet connected battlefield. By accurately understanding and acknowledging the threat landscape of current and future weaponry, better safeguards and threat, tolerant mechanisms can be created to adapt to legacy systems and be designed into future systems. The NDAA included \$80 million in extra funding for basic research initiatives that qualified schools, like the University of Tulsa, can utilize.

Improving Installation Support Services: Because current authority to implement military installation shared services agreements conflicts with existing acquisition rules and regulations, there have been major delays in implementing intergovernmental support agreements, including the partnership plans between Tinker Air Force Base and Midwest City. The Department of Defense and Congress agreed that a clarification was necessary to ensure the authority of shared services survives. The NDAA included clarification language to restore the advancement of such shared services agreements like the waste management agreement between Tinker and Midwest City.

Preserving C-130 AMP: The president's fiscal year 2015 budget failed to include funding for the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program (AMP). The NDAA included strong language that stressed support for continuing the modernization of this aircraft, authorized additional funding for procurement and installation of C-130 AMP kits, and directed the Air Force to obligate the fiscal year 2014 funds authorized and appropriated for AMP to conduct such activities as are necessary to complete testing, production and installation of the modernization kits. This will allow companies, such as Boeing in Oklahoma City, to ensure an operational capability of the C-130 fleet.



ARMED SERVICES

LITHUANIA, UKRAINE, JORDAN

While serving as ranking member, Sen. Jim Inhofe traveled to Eastern Europe and the Middle East in late October where he met with leaders of Lithuania, Ukraine and Jordan.

In Lithuania, President Dalia Grybauskaite hosted Inhofe for the inauguration ceremony of Lithuania's first liquefied natural gas import facility, which will allow the country to lessen the region's demand for energy from Russia. While in country, Inhofe also met with Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevicius of Lithuania, Prime Minister Laimdota Straujuma of Latvia, and Minister of Foreign Trade and Entrepreneurship Anne Sulling of Estonia. Inhofe ended his time in Lithuania by visiting U.S. soldiers currently stationed in the region supporting NATO allies.

While in Lithuania, Inhofe sent a letter to President Obama highlighting the steps Lithuania is taking to free itself from energy dependence on Russia and increase its market for U.S. natural gas.

In Ukraine, Inhofe met with President Petro Poroshenko, Prime Minister Areseniy Yatsenyuk, and Defense Minister Stepan Poltorak where they discussed the ongoing Russian aggression, the status of U.S. military assistance and Ukraine's recent elections. Inhofe was the first U.S. government official to congratulate the leaders for Ukraine's successful parliamentary elections that took place on Oct. 26, 2014.

"Ukraine's recent election is an opportunity for reform and an overwhelming mandate from the

people of Ukraine to move closer to the West and away from the agenda of Putin," said Inhofe about his trip. "President Putin continues to support pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine leading to violence and instability. The U.S. must stand strong next to Ukraine and President Poroshenko. While President Obama has provided our ally with sleeping bags and night-vision goggles, the country is asking for military equipment that will actually deter further aggression from Russia. During my visit, I told the government leaders that I and many of my colleagues in Congress support their request and are working to get them the needed support."

In the meeting with Ukraine's Prime Minister, Yatsenyuk shared with Inhofe the importance for the United States to increase natural gas exports to the international community as it would help to depoliticize the energy resource by creating a real natural gas market in Europe that is non-existent due to too few viable providers.

The trip ended with Inhofe visiting the Jordan-Syria border, and he was hosted by Jordan's King Abdullah II in Amman. In the meeting, the king asserted that the morale of his troops fighting extremists is high and stressed that while Jordan needs American support, he wants and is working to ensure regional partners carry the burden of the fight.

Inhofe also spoke with Maj. Gen. Michael Nagata, commander of U.S. Central Command Special Operations Command (SOCCENT), and was briefed on the Syria Train and Equip program, a two-month mission funded by Congress in the September Continuing Resolution. Maj.

“Ukrainian forces have demonstrated the will to defend their nation against

SASC investigation finds Chinese intrusions into key defense contractors

On Sept. 17, 2014, SASC Chairman Carl Levin and Ranking Member Jim Inhofe announced that the committee had completed a year-long investigation that found the Chinese government successfully penetrated the computer systems of U.S. Transportation Command contractors at least 20 times in a single year. These intrusions show vulnerabilities in the military's system to deploy troops and equipment in a crisis. The investigation also found significant gaps in information sharing regarding cyber intrusions.

At the press conference on Sept. 17, Inhofe said, *"We must ensure that cyber intrusions cannot disrupt our mission readiness. It is essential that we put into place a central clearinghouse that makes it easy for critical contractors, particular those that are small businesses, to report suspicious cyber activity without adding a burden to their mission support operations."*

In response to the investigation's finding, the committee included a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 that addressed reporting gaps and improved the way the Department of Defense disseminates information about cyber intrusions into the computer networks of operationally critical contractors.

Gen. Nagata shared with Inhofe about the vetting process of the moderate opposition, which included: recommendations by regional partners; evaluation of and augmentation of those recommendations by U.S. intelligence; human rights screening; and close scrutiny and monitoring during intensive training programs by U.S. personnel. Maj. Gen. Nagata also briefed Inhofe on the mechanisms to mitigate the risk of trained fighters joining extremist organizations.

In Jan. 2014, also in his capacity as SASC ranking member, Inhofe visited Turkey, Georgia, Jordan, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, and Cape Verde. During this tour, Inhofe met with government officials, local military leaders, and Oklahomans stationed overseas. He attended site visits and received briefings on U.S. engagement with our allies for the purpose of providing stability and security of American interests in each region.



AFGHANISTAN



TURKEY



JORDAN



GEORGIA



UKRAINE



LITHUANIA



UGANDA



ETHIOPIA



RWANDA



CAPE VERDE

superior rebel and Russian forces; what they lack is not will but means.

- U.S. Sens. Jim Inhofe & Carl Levin Washington Post op-ed, Oct. 19, 2014

AVIATION



SUPPORTING OKLAHOMA'S AVIATION COMMUNITY

Protecting the Nation's Contract Towers

Funding for Fiscal Year 2014: On Jan. 9, 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe and Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.V.) wrote the Senate Committee on Appropriations urging the inclusion of language ensuring full and dedicated funding for the Contract Tower Program as part of the fiscal year 2014 budget for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2014 provided \$140 million for the Contract Tower Program, directing \$10.35 million for the contract tower cost share program.

Funding for Fiscal Year 2015: On April 4, 2014, Inhofe and Manchin co-led a letter signed by 23 additional senators to the Senate Committee on Appropriations urging the inclusion of language ensuring full and dedicated funding for the Contract Tower Program as part of the fiscal year 2015 budget for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235) passed in December 2014 again provided \$144.5 million for the Contract Tower Program, directing \$9.5 million for the contract tower cost share program.

Future of the Federal Contract Tower Program: On July 31, 2014, Inhofe led a bipartisan letter, signed by 54 additional senators, to FAA Administrator requesting information regarding FAA's long term strategy and

AA BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

On Dec. 18, 2014, President Obama signed into law, H.R. 2591, the House companion legislation to S. 2614, legislation authored by Sen. Inhofe that extended to American Airline (AA) employees the option to contribute recently received bankruptcy settlements into retirement accounts without incurring a tax penalty.

The Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 allowed employees of air service providers, who filed bankruptcy prior to 2007, to roll up to 90 percent of airline bankruptcy settlements into an individual retirement account without paying tax penalties through April 15, 2013. However, American Airlines did not declare bankruptcy until Nov. 29, 2011, and had not yet emerged from bankruptcy by April 15, 2013.

By making modifications to the *Federal Aviation Modernization and Reform Act of 2012*, H.R. 2591 affords American Airlines employees the option to roll over bankruptcy contributions into individual retirement accounts without tax penalties through April 15, 2015, which is the same treatment extended to employees of other domestic airlines that went bankrupt prior to 2007.

Inhofe first introduced the legislation on July 16, 2014, with Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy. S.2614 first passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on Dec. 10, signaling strong bipartisan support for passage in Congress. All revenue bills must originate in the House of Representatives, so on Dec. 11 the House took up and passed its companion legislation, H.R. 2591, which the Senate passed on Dec. 13. The president signed it into law on Dec. 22.

American Airlines employs nearly 100,000 individuals, including more than 5,800 Oklahomans, many of whom will be able to benefit from this new law.

plan for the Federal Contract Tower Program.

Improving Air Traffic Control Towers

Funding for Woodring Regional Airport: On Dec. 13, 2013, Sen. Jim Inhofe sent a letter to Michael P. Huerta, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), supporting Enid's request for federal assistance to complete the project. On April 16, 2014, Inhofe again sent a letter asking Adm. Huerta to consider the funding request of \$1 million for the extension of the Woodring Regional Airport runway in Enid, Okla. This project will be complete in 2015 and support military and civilian use and regional economic development. Inhofe is committed to encouraging the FAA to prioritize the needs of the Woodring airport.

Grant for City of Enid: In Sept. 2014, the FAA awarded the City of Enid a grant of nearly \$1.4 million, which combined with additional state and local funding, including \$2.5 million from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, will extend the runway to meet Woodring Regional Airport's civil aviation needs and to support the pilot training mission at nearby Vance Air Force Base.

Cutting Red Tape for Aviators

On Jan. 16, 2014, Sens. Jim Inhofe and Joe Manchin introduced S.1941, legislation that would prohibit the FAA from enacting changes to medical certification requirements without going through a formal rulemaking process. This legislation was introduced in response to the Federal Air Surgeon at the FAA proposing in November 2013 new guidance regarding the screening and testing for Obstructive Sleep Apnea

(OSA) for pilots and air traffic controllers. The guidance assumes that aviators and air traffic controllers with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or above have OSA by default, and would require a full battery of testing and evaluation. Since these tests would significantly cost individuals and companies, Inhofe and Manchin introduced legislation to simply require the FAA to follow the traditional rulemaking process and allow the pilot community to provide input before establishing any new parameters to test pilots and air traffic controllers for sleep disorders.

In April 2014, the FAA revised the draft guidance and presented it to the aviation medical community for review. Among the key changes, pilots will not be disqualified because of body mass index numbers alone. This had been a key issue with the original draft guidance. Pilots with significant risk will be referred for an evaluation for possible OSA. OSA evaluations may be completed by any physician, not just sleep specialists, using standard criteria. Evaluations may not require a laboratory sleep study or even a home study if the certifying physician does not believe the pilot requires it. Pilots diagnosed with sleep apnea can bring documentation of effective treatment to the Aviation Medical Examiner who will call on the Regional Flight Surgeon or the Aeromedical Certification Division for assistance in order to continue flying on the previously issued medical certificate. The FAA will send the pilot a Special Issuance letter documenting the follow-up tests required and timing of the reports. Most follow-up reports will only require usage data from the continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine and a brief statement from a physician.



OSHKOSH 2014

From Aug. 1-3, 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe attended the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in convention, where he debuted his discussion draft of the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2, which builds on the accomplishments of the first Pilot's Bill of Rights by further reiterating the rights of pilots where the Federal Aviation Administration has failed to implement regulations according to congressional intent and by expanding on areas of progress. Inhofe provided a comment period on his draft legislation, receiving more than 400 submissions. He introduced the revamped second edition of the Pilot's Bill of Rights in the 114th Congress.

BANKING

Small banks in Oklahoma continue to be hit hard by the effects of the Dodd-Frank Act, which has caused the regulatory compliance costs for banks to skyrocket as much as 30 to 40 percent from the levels seen before the implementation of the act. Sen. Jim Inhofe is dedicated to helping small banks in Oklahoma obtain needed regulatory relief from Washington's overbearing hands. Inhofe cosponsored or authored the following legislation in 2014:

S.727, Legislation that would provide small community banks the opportunity to appeal their banking exams from their regulators with an impartial ombudsman.

S.1349, Legislation that would exempt banks with fewer than \$1 billion in assets from Sarbanes Oxley internal controls requirements. It would remove the escrow requirements for mortgages made by institutions with fewer than \$10 billion in assets. It also would help small banks stay in the business of mortgages by considering all mortgages retained in portfolio by a bank with \$10 billion in assets or less as a qualified residential mortgage for the purposes of federal regulations.

S.2732, Legislation that would raise the direct examination threshold for large banks subject to supervision by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) from \$10 billion in assets to \$50 billion, which is the threshold for a bank to be designated as systemically important. Small banks and credit unions did not cause the financial crisis of 2008, but are still subject to the same stringent regulatory burdens as large, Wall Street banks. Financial institutions with assets under \$50 billion would continue to be regulated by rules more suited to institutions with fewer assets.

Public Power Risk Management Act

Sens. Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) and Jim Inhofe introduced the *Public Power Risk Management Act* (S.1802), legislation that would clarify provisions of the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* in order to level the playing field between public and private power utilities and keep energy affordable for Americans. Public power and natural gas utilities often purchase fuel and power for future use in order to manage perceived business risks, a practice known as a "swap." Such risks vary widely by region given that the purchase, sale, exchange and transport of fuel and power is more or less difficult depending on the climate, weather, population, fuel source availability or industrial activity of the area.

Currently, rules set by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) require any entity that enters into a \$25 million swap with a public power utility to register as a "swap-dealer", requiring them to follow stricter business conduct standards and take on higher costs. Private utilities, on the other hand, are able to enter into \$8 billion in swap before the entity needs to register. Public power utilities are reporting that this has made it more difficult for them to enter into such agreements making it less likely that they will be able to attain the risk-management they need in order to provide stable costs for the consumer. The *Public Power Risk Management Act* would require that a utility operation-related swap with a utility special entity be treated the same as a utility operations-related swap with any other entity.

The House passed companion legislation, H.R. 1038, on June 12, 2013 by a vote of 423 to 0. On Sept. 17, 2014, the CFTC unanimously voted to finalize a rule that allows public power utilities to exclude swaps they enter into with municipalities, accomplishing the policy goal by rulemaking.

EDUCATION

No Child Left Behind Flexibility Waiver

When the U.S. Department of Education (ED) first offered flexibility from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements in 2011, two options were provided: Option A, adopting a set of standards common to a significant number of states and Option B, adopting standards certified by institutions of higher education within the State. Oklahoma is currently using Option B to show college and career readiness.

On Aug. 28, 2014, the Department of Education denied Oklahoma's request for extension of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* flexibility waiver stating our standards were not college-and-career ready. Oct. 16, 2014, the state Regents for Higher Education unanimously ruled after a study of PASS standards, that if students achieve mastery of the standards they could be considered college and career-ready. Inhofe led the Oklahoma delegation in sending two letters requesting reinstatement of Oklahoma's NCLB flexibility waiver. On Nov. 24, 2014, the ED announced it granted an extension of ESEA flexibility.

Local School Board Governance Flexibility Act

In June 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe introduced S. 2451, the *Local School Board Governance Flexibility Act*. The legislation would rein in ED's unchecked regulations by ensuring state and local school boards have a voice as to how these regulations are affecting their education goals. The legislation would also require the agency to provide Congress with an annual report on how its policies are impacting our local school districts, enforcing transparency in the federal government.

As we have seen in years past, many of the overarching education policy changes declared by Washington bureaucrats have resulted in negative effects on local school districts, particularly with the financial burden placed on the schools to enact the regulations. To address the excessive cost, Inhofe's legislation would require the department to first verify with local educational agencies whether or not they have the financial resources and technical assistance needed before issuing any regulations, rules, guidance materials or grant conditions. The bill would also help to eliminate waste by requiring a review of existing reporting requirements and identify and cancel those that are duplicative.



"The Oklahoma State School Boards Association appreciates Senator Inhofe's support of students in Oklahoma and nationwide. His sponsorship of the Local School Board and Governance Flexibility Act empowers locally elected school board members to fulfill their duty to act in the best interests of the children in their communities." - Shawn Hime, executive director of Oklahoma State School Boards Association

Impact Aid

In the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, Inhofe authorized \$25 million in Impact Aid for assistance to local school districts impacted by the enrollment of children of military members and Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees, and extended the program for another three years. He also fought for an additional authorization of \$5 million in Impact Aid for schools with large numbers of children of military members and DOD civilian employees with severe disabilities.

"Unlike pork or entitlement programs, Impact Aid simply compensates local school districts for property tax revenue lost as the result of a military base. And without these payments, schools like Lawton Public Schools could not adequately serve the families of our nation's heroes. I stand behind and thank Sen. Inhofe for protecting these funds which directly and efficiently serve our military children." - Tom Deighan, superintendent of Lawton Public Schools

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PROTECTING & LEVERAGING AMERICA'S DOMESTIC ENERGY RESOURCES

Hydraulic Fracturing

On May 8, 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe along with several of his Senate colleagues wrote the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Inspector General (IG) Arthur Elkins asking him about a memorandum announcing the start of an investigation into the sufficiency of state regulations of hydraulic fracturing to "evaluate what regulatory authority is available to EPA and the states." Members argued that the IG did not have authority to do this kind of investigation because it is a "regulatory investigation," which falls outside the scope of an IG who are supposed to provide oversight into agencies' inner workings, not investigate whether or not they should be regulating certain things. When it became clear that the IG was not going to relent his investigation, Inhofe again wrote him on Oct. 3, 2014, reiterating that the Office of the Inspector General's report and investigation was duplicative and outside the scope of the IG's purview. Inhofe's second letter coincided with the release of the Ground Water Protection Council's groundbreaking report highlighting the cutting edge oil and natural gas regulatory struc-

tures of states, including those concerning hydraulic fracturing. The IG responded to the letter on Oct. 16 showing his true colors of disregard for his role as IG by stating he would continue to investigate the sufficiency of hydraulic fracturing regulations.

The Washington Post highlighted Inhofe and Elkin's exchange, reporting, "The inspector general did not explain how the evaluation fits into the purview of his office, saying instead that he is not required by law to justify his work to Congress."

In the 113th Congress, Inhofe introduced the *Fracturing Regulations are Effective in State Hands (FRESH) Act* (S.1234), which preserves the right of states to regulate hydraulic fracturing.

Natural Gas Long Haul Truck Competitiveness Act
Sens. Jim Inhofe and Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) introduced the Natural Gas Long Haul Truck Competitiveness Act of 2014 (S. 2721), a bill that would level the playing field between diesel and natural gas long-haul trucks by allowing them to carry the same amount of freight. Due to natural gas fueling systems weighing roughly 2,000 pounds more than diesel systems, trucks running on natural gas are forced to carry less freight under current federal weight restrictions. This legislation was supported by NGVAmerica, American Natural Gas Association, American Trucking Association, the American Gas Association and Cummins.

Expanding Access to Natural Gas Vehicles

On Feb. 27, Sen. Jim Inhofe introduced S. 2065 with then-Sen. Carl Levin to streamline regulations imposed on automakers for the production of natural gas vehicles (NGV), while also providing consumers with non-financial incentives to purchase natural gas vehicles. The language modified the Department of Transportation's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) regulatory standards to create parity for natural gas dual-fuel automobiles. Prior to enactment of this provision, automakers were afforded the ability to earn CAFE compliance credits for producing and selling alternative fueled vehicles. This provision was phased out for dual-fueled automobiles because of the ubiquitous sale but rare use of E-85 flex fuel vehicles. As written, the statute treated NGVs and Flex Fuel dual-fueled automobiles as the same. This language separated NGVs from the Flex Fuel vehicles such that automakers are given the ability to earn unlimited regulatory credits for producing NGV dual fueled vehicles. The language also provides states with the option to allow NGVs access to HOV lanes, providing consumers with a tangible benefit for purchasing natural gas vehicles.

The nation is awash with natural gas, but it has failed to reach its potential as a mainstream transportation fuel. Consumers are reticent to purchase NGVs for fear they won't be able to find a fueling station. Fueling stations are hesitant to build out refueling infrastructure because the market for NGVs is currently very small. This provision helps address both of these issues by encouraging consumers and producers to buy and manufacture the automobiles in a cost effective manner.

The CAFE related provisions were incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2015 as Section 318 of P.L. 113-291, and signed into law in December 2014.

Federal Lands Freedom Act

The Federal Lands Freedom Act, S.1233, was first introduced by Sen. Inhofe in 2013. On Jan. 8, 2014, Inhofe filed it as amendment 2605 to the Senate's unemployment insurance extension bill (S.1845). The amendment would have given states the authority to unlock restrictions on developing energy resources on federal lands within their border. Under Democrat control, amendments were not considered to the legislation.

Advancing Geothermal Energy

Sens. Jim Inhofe and Tom Carper (D-Del.) introduced an amendment to the *Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness (ESIC) Act* that would revise the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* to categorize geothermal and other thermal sources of energy as renewable. Current federal purchase requirements of renewable energy limit safe, cost-effective energy production by excluding geothermal and other thermal sources. Amendment 2989 would encourage further development of America's domestic energy capabilities by modifying the *Energy Policy Act of 2005's* definition of renewable energy to include geothermal production.

"I am pleased to work with Sen. Carper on this common sense, bipartisan amendment that will allow the federal government to meet its renewable energy quota by utilizing cost-effective geothermal energy. The multiple benefits of geothermal are undeniable and in demand, but the Energy Policy Act of 2005 failed to classify it as renewable because it does not create new energy. This amendment makes an important, cost-free correction to the law."

- Sen. Jim Inhofe

The Department of Energy supports the language, as it would make the energy savings from these systems eligible for counting toward the federal purchase requirement. Inhofe is continuing to work to get this provision passed in Congress.

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Oklahoma Coal

The Department of Interior's Office of Surface Mining has been waging a war against the coal mining company Farrell Cooper, which has a mining presence in Oklahoma. The Department has been seeking to belittle Oklahoma's mining program so that it has the ability to impose much stricter regulations – or worse – take over the program at the federal level. Under federal law, states are able to secure "primacy" over their surface mining programs, and Oklahoma has had primacy for decades. The Office of Surface Mining issued three enforcement actions against Farrell Cooper Mining Company in Oklahoma, stating that its reclamation of three mines were inconsistent with what it believes was appropriate. This is despite the fact that the reclamation was done in line with permits issued to the company by the Oklahoma Department of Mines (ODM). Because ODM has primacy over the federal mining laws, the ODM permits are issued as if they came from the federal government. Farrell Cooper has since won two of the appeals against its enforcement actions and is waiting on a decision on the third.

Despite this clear defense of its practices, the Department of Interior is continuing to pursue charges, and they have appealed the two decided cases. In this case, we have a major bureaucracy with seemingly unlimited resources pushing a small operator around the court system, trying to starve them out of business. While Oklahoma's regulations are sufficient for federal law, they're not sufficient for Obama's anti-energy administration. The state made Sen. Jim Inhofe aware that the Interior pushed ODM to sign a confidentiality agreement so that it could renegotiate its regulations without any communication with the attorney general, the governor, or the legislature, which all have a keen interest in serving the interests of Oklahomans and have a role to play in helping the Oklahoma Department of Mines with any update of regulations.

Inhofe led the Oklahoma delegation in sending a letter to the Interior, asking them to stop pursuing secret agreements with the ODM.

This activity has since stopped, and Inhofe continues to work with the delegation to keep the Interior from bullying Farrell Cooper.

PROVIDING OVERSIGHT TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S OVER-REGULATION

EPA's Existing Source Performance Standards (ESPS) proposed rule

During the July 23, 2014, committee hearing where Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Adm. Gina McCarthy testified about the Administration's Existing Source Performance Standards (ESPS) rule, Sen. Jim Inhofe revealed a major flaw in the law's construction. In the hearing, Inhofe was able to get McCarthy to admit that the EPA does not have the authority to enforce the proposed rule. The current language of the rule requires states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their power plants by 30 percent by 2030 and requires that they submit plans to comply.

If EPA finalizes this rule, it will dramatically expand its authorities without proper Congressional authorization. It is expected that the Supreme Court will look unfavorably at this, as it did in last year's ruling on the EPA tailoring rule. In that case, the Court stated that EPA cannot unilaterally expand its authority without clear Congressional direction.

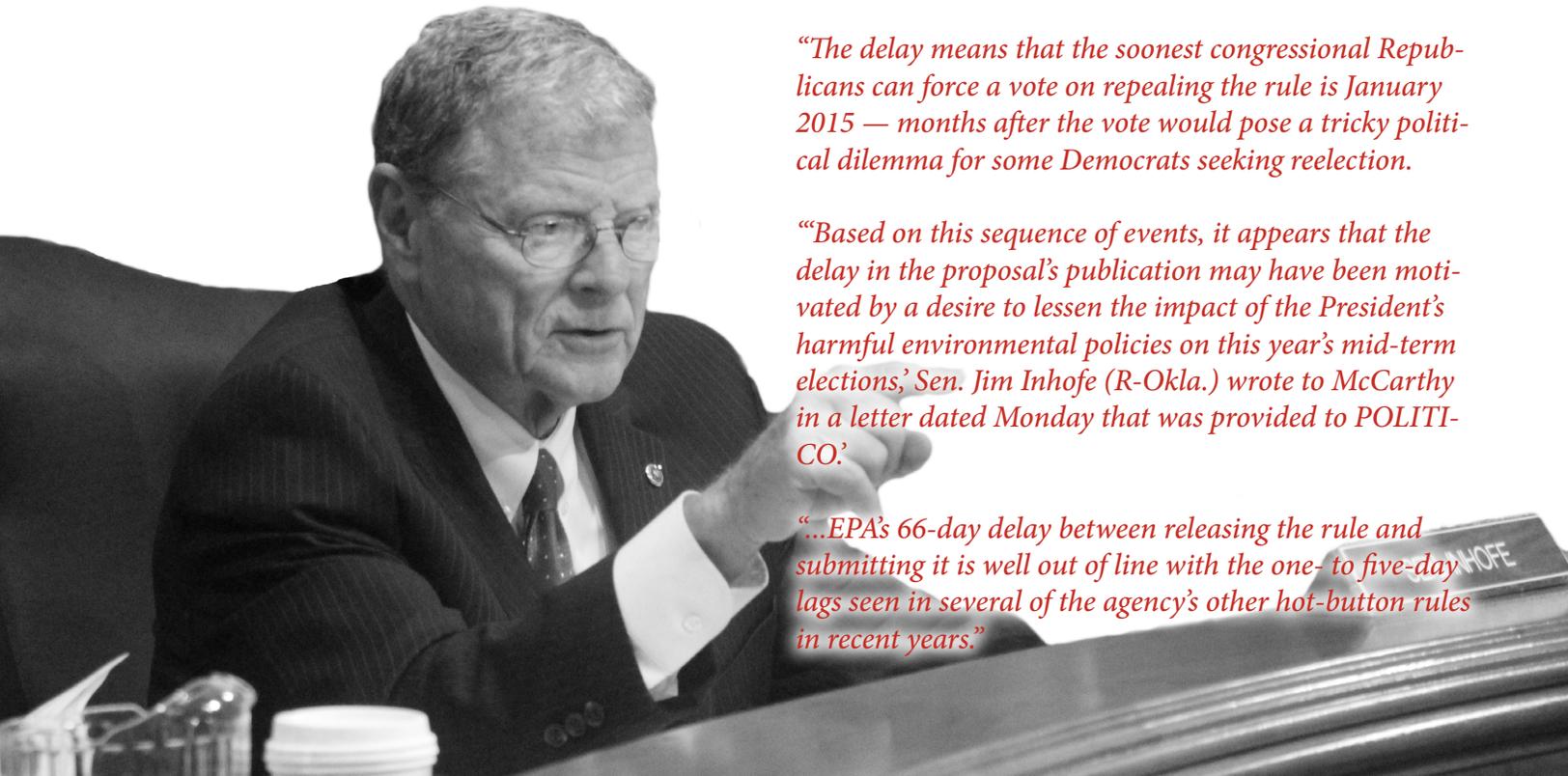
The Inhofe revelation was used as a primary argument with a number of governors in their letter urging withdrawal. It was also used by Inhofe in his letter urging withdrawal that came later in 2014.

EPA's New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) proposed rule

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), part of the President's Climate Action Plan, were proposed in late 2013. The rule effectively bans the construction of new coal-fired power plants because it requires technology that EPA knows is not available. The rule was publicly announced on Sept. 20, 2013, but it was not published in the Federal Register until Jan. 8, 2014. Under the Clean Air Act, NSPS regulations must be finalized within one year of enactment. If EPA had followed this principle, the rule would have gone final on Sept. 20, 2014, just a few weeks before the 2014 mid-term elections. Due to documents uncovered

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“The records also contradict the congressional testimony of EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, who told senators early this year that her agency had submitted the [ESPS] rule to the Federal Register ‘as soon as that proposal was released.’

“But in fact, EPA didn’t submit the rule to the Federal Register until Nov. 25, more than two months after the agency released it to the public. And the Federal Register didn’t publish it until Jan. 8.

“The delay means that the soonest congressional Republicans can force a vote on repealing the rule is January 2015 — months after the vote would pose a tricky political dilemma for some Democrats seeking reelection.

“Based on this sequence of events, it appears that the delay in the proposal’s publication may have been motivated by a desire to lessen the impact of the President’s harmful environmental policies on this year’s mid-term elections,’ Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) wrote to McCarthy in a letter dated Monday that was provided to POLITICO.’

“...EPA’s 66-day delay between releasing the rule and submitting it is well out of line with the one- to five-day lags seen in several of the agency’s other hot-button rules in recent years.”

by Sen. Jim Inhofe, it was brought to light that EPA delayed publication in the Federal Register, which allowed the agency to delay finalization of the rule until after the 2014 elections.

EPA’s Proposed Ozone Standard

If the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalizes its Ozone NAAQS update, which it proposed in November 2014, it will put all 77 counties out of attainment. If it lowers the standard to as low as 60 parts per billion, a level in which the agency is accepting comments, then 14,000 jobs would be lost in Oklahoma and \$876 million in compliance costs would be incurred. Electricity prices would rise 15 percent in Oklahoma. As this rule moved through the

development process, Inhofe worked with then-Ranking Member David Vitter to highlight the important role of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) to advise the EPA administrator of the cost impact the rule could have on the economy. This is in line with the statute, which states the CASAC is responsible for fully assessing the “adverse public health, welfare, social, economic, or energy effects” that would be borne by changing the standard. Unfortunately, none of these estimates have been calculated by the CASAC or the EPA. And now EPA is promulgating the most expensive regulation in history. When EPA announced the new proposed ozone standard, Inhofe pledged rigorous oversight of the new rule.



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OVERSIGHT CONTINUED..

EPA Employment Impact Analysis Act

Sen. Jim Inhofe introduced the *EPA Employment Impact Analysis Act*, S.2161, a bill that would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from finalizing any major regulation until the agency analyzes the economic impact of its current air regulations as required under Section 321(a) of the *Clean Air Act*. “The EPA does not know the full cost of its existing regulations, yet it continues to create and implement new ones to the detriment of job creation and economic opportunity in the U.S.,” said Inhofe. “While various federal requirements force the EPA to disclose the impact of its regulations, the agency has systematically distorted their findings. One way it has been doing this is by failing to comply with Section 321(a) of the *Clean Air Act* signed into law in 1977. Under this law, the EPA is required to report how its air regulations are affecting job creation across the entire economy. The EPA has not once abided by this provision and failed to complete a single analysis on its air rules to date.” Inhofe’s legislation cites a number of examples where the EPA concluded that a regulation would result in the creation of jobs, yet the National Economic Research Associates (NERA) Economic Consulting firm, using a “whole economy” model, reported that the same regulation would result in thousands of job losses.

EPA’s Tailoring Rule

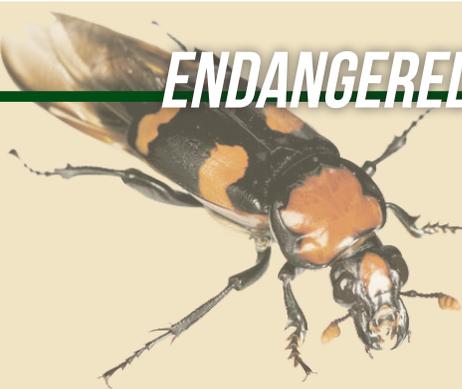
Sen. Jim Inhofe filed an amicus brief on Dec. 17, 2013, in the Supreme Court, in support of the petitioners challenging Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) tailoring rule. EPA’s tailoring rule allowed them to rewrite the Clean Air Act so that they could regulate greenhouse gases without having to effect the entire economy, and instead only the largest polluters. In a letter, Inhofe highlighted, “In its UARG decision, the Supreme Court is again instructive, where it declared that ‘An agency has no power to ‘tailor’ legislation to

bureaucratic policy goals by rewriting unambiguous statutory terms.’ Consequently, the EPA must also withdraw its proposed rule for modified and reconstructed units.”

On June 23, 2014, the court ruled 5-4 in favor of Inhofe’s position. In response to the ruling, Inhofe said, “I am pleased the Supreme Court ruled today to limit EPA’s authority to regulate greenhouse gases... The Supreme Court also agreed today that a nationwide greenhouse gas regulatory regime under the Clean Air Act would ‘bring about an enormous and transformative expansion in EPA’s regulatory authority without clear congressional authorization.’”

Aggregation

During the confirmation process for EPA Adm. Gina McCarthy in the Spring of 2013, Inhofe focused in on an issue known as “aggregation,” whereby the EPA combines the emissions from multiple facilities and oil and gas wells in order to trigger permitting requirements. Under the Obama administration, the EPA has expanded its authority in this area by watering down the definition of “aggregation” so that it includes functionally related, but not physically nearby facilities, thus triggering permit requirements for more facilities. Inhofe made this issue one of the top four in his letter to McCarthy outlining the things she needed to consider. McCarthy did not address this issue, but the courts did. On May 30, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia decided that EPA’s decision to not apply the 6th Circuit Decision nationwide was against the agency’s own regulations. The Court said: “On the merits, we hold that the Summit Directive is plainly contrary to EPA’s own regulations, which require EPA to maintain national uniformity in measures implementing the CAA [Clean Air Act] and to ‘identify and correct’ regional inconsistencies by ‘standardizing criteria, procedures, and policies.’”



ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Lesser Prairie Chicken

Sen. Jim Inhofe has worked aggressively against the endangered listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC). Between March 2013 and February 2014, Inhofe wrote Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) four times requesting

the FWS expeditiously approve the five-state Range Wide Plan, which governs economic activity in the range in a way that provides regulatory certainty to industry, and the agriculture and the oil and gas Candidate Conservative Agreements with Assurances (CCAA), which are associated documents that also provide regulatory certainty allowing industry to continue operations. Inhofe also raised this in numerous Environment and Public Works Committee hearings. On March 27, 2014, the FWS listed the bird as “threatened,” which Inhofe called a “purely political” move. Despite the listing, Inhofe worked aggressively to ensure that Oklahoma’s industries were protected. The CCAA and the Range Wide Plan were ultimately approved. While the listing decision is undesired, the fact that industry was provided with regulatory certainty is extremely beneficial to Oklahoma.

In July, Inhofe introduced S. 2677 to delist the LPC for at least five years so that the state-developed range wide plan’s conservation plan could be implemented.

American Burying Beetle

The American Burying Beetle (ABB) was listed as an endangered species in 1989. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) said that its recovery goal was to establish three independent populations of the Beetle in each of its known ranges. This has been accomplished in Oklahoma, which is part of the Midwest Region. No known populations exist in the Great Lakes or Southeast Region – nor did they exist at the time of listing. The assertion of FWS that they once existed there is not based on the best science, but rather guesses. The only population in the Northeast region is on an island off the coast of Rhode Island. Inhofe believes the ABB should be delisted, which is why he introduced S. 2678. Throughout 2014, Inhofe heard from more and more people, in all industries, that are being negatively affected by the beetle’s listing. The Tulsa World covered Inhofe’s actions on the ABB, highlighting that the “protection efforts for the beetle are expected to cost the state \$6.5 million over 20 years.”

Inhofe has worked tirelessly to provide more relief to affected parties, and was able to prod the FWS to develop an Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan to help facilitate development until the beetle can be delisted. It was approved on May 22, 2014, and authorizes incidental take for oil and gas activities.

OVERSIGHT CONTINUED..

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget

In numerous oversight hearings of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Sen. Jim Inhofe highlighted how large the NRC budget had grown. In a Jan 30, 2014, hearing, Inhofe said, “It was in 2003 that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission asked Congress for a bigger budget to build a new building and add significantly to its staff to support the expected approval of four design certifications for new reactor designs and 17 Construction and Operating License Applications (COLAs). Now, 10 years later, the NRC has only approved one design certification and two COLAs. The NRC’s workload did not increase the way that it was expected, but the Commission still increased its staff by almost 30 percent.” He brought this up again throughout 2014 at a May 4 hearing, again on Sept. 9, and for a fourth time on Dec. 3.

In the December hearing, Inhofe stated, “I support reducing the NRC budget because I think a smaller NRC, at this point in time, will enable the commission to focus its efforts on its core mission and not on the development of unnecessary and redundant regulations.” Inhofe’s oversight helped lead in a reduction in the NRC’s budget by \$44 million in the 2015 appropriations bill.

Oversight of Nuclear Waste

In a June 4, 2014, hearing, Sen. Jim Inhofe pointed out that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rightly looked into the issue of expediting spent fuel from pools to dry casks following the Fukushima disaster. NRC staff ultimately determined that the U.S. fleet’s risk “of a radiological release” from the compromise of a spent fuel pool “[is] very low (about 1 time in 10 million years or lower)...[and] the study predicted no early fatalities attributable to radiation exposure. Appropriately, the NRC staff concluded that “expediting movement of spent fuel from the pool does not provide a substantial safety enhancement,” a mandate that would cost the industry an additional \$4 billion. Inhofe expressed his disappointment in the hearing that the NRC is going to spend even more time and resources studying this topic. The outcome was that on Aug. 26, 2014, NRC deemed safe spent fuel stored in pools, which allowed the approval of reactor designs and licenses to continue.

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PRIORITIZING INFRASTRUCTURE

Surface Transportation

On May 15, 2014, the EPW committee passed S.2322, *MAP-21 Reauthorization Act*, which included the adoption of the following three amendments offered by Sen. Jim Inhofe:

University Transportation Centers (UTC) amendment:

The underlying bill eliminated the University Transportation Center program from the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), making them subject to appropriations. This amendment reinstated the program. UTC grants are essential in advancing transportation research and developing the next generation of transportation practitioners. In September 2013, the University of Oklahoma was awarded a regional UTC, with Oklahoma State University and Langston University working alongside as contributing partners.

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) amendment: Under the 2005 *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)*, states are allowed to establish occupancy requirements for HOV lanes. Inhofe's amendment updates the 2005 law to reflect the current state of technology, including natural gas vehicles to access HOV lanes. This amendment was supported by the American Association of Highway Users, environmental groups, auto manufacturers, and the natural gas industry.

This legislation provided a bipartisan foundation for drafting and passing a long-term transportation reauthorization bill in the 114th Congress.

Water Infrastructure

On June 10, 2014, President Obama signed into law the Water Resource Reform and Development Act (WRRDA), of which Sen. Jim Inhofe was a member of the WRRDA Conference Committee. The following are the provisions within the law that Inhofe secured:

WD Mayo Lock and Dam (Sec. 2011): Allows the Cherokee Nation to construct, operate, and market a hydroelectric facility at the WD Mayo Lock & Dam on the Arkansas River (E. OK near I-44 & AR line).

Land Exchange/Land Conveyances (Sec. 6005): Allows the Tulsa Port of Catoosa to exchange land currently owned by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) with land owned by the Port Authority. This will allow Port operations to expand and attract industrial growth.

Applicability of Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Rule (Sec. 1049): A permanent exemption from the EPA's SPCC rule for farmers and ranchers. Exempts 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. Farms with tank storage capacities between 2,500 gallons and 6,000 gallons will have a temporary exemption, pending a study by the USDA and the EPA. This provision also greatly limits when professional engineers must certify spill plans.

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) of 2013: Modeled after the *Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act* program in MAP-21. Allows for financing of water infrastructure projects by providing direct loans and loan guarantees. Inhofe ensured 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.

Non-Federal Implementation of Feasibility Studies (Sec. 1014): Authorizes a program whereby non-federal sponsors may conduct 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.

Red River Basin, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana (Sec. 4012): Authorizes the reassignment of unused irrigation storage on Waurika Lake to be used for municipal purposes in the region to address water shortfalls in the cities of Duncan, Lawton, Comanche, Temple, Walters and Waurika.

Arkansas River, Arkansas and Oklahoma (Sec. 4004): Establishes 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 relating to efficiency, reliability, and availability of MKARNS.

Authority to Accept and Expend Non-Federal Amounts (Sec. 1024): Allows for non-federal sponsors of Corps projects to contribute funding and in-kind services to the operations and maintenance of the project during an emergency or natural disaster. Doing so would expedite repairs for significant projects since the sponsors will no longer need to wait on the federal government to grant additional emergency funding. For instance, should a lock go down on the MKARNS, a state or private entity can fix the lock without significant delay.

TULSA WORLD Editorial Board:

Inhofe protecting Oklahoma from the dangers of fire, bureaucrats

Published July 14, 2014 | Bureaucracies aren't people. That's evidenced by two federal agencies' wrongheaded decision to cut off a grant program awarding surplus military vehicles to rural fire departments.

Thanks to some tough words by U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe and Gov. Mary Fallin, the Defense Logistics Agency, an arm of the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Environmental Protection Agency struck a pact restoring the program.

Inhofe is a senior member of the Senate committees that oversee the EPA and the DOD, and he enlisted other lawmakers to keep the surplus program alive.

We're tempted to say, all's well that ends well, but before everyone moves on, let's review: Recently, the EPA and Pentagon announced they were discontinuing the program, citing the carbon emissions of the vehicles. Never mind the fact that repurposed surplus military vehicles are the engine that keeps many outlying fire departments going.

In Oklahoma, rural fire departments use 9,000 vehicles and other equipment, valued at more than \$150 million for that program.

We support sensible emission controls, but let's be realistic. In the past decade, at least 80 Oklahomans have been killed or injured by wildfires that burned 300,000 acres and destroyed 800 homes. As Fallin pointed out in a recent letter to the feds, "wildfires themselves are environmentally destructive events that produce carbon emissions and other toxins. The EPA decision to hamstring fire departments seeking to control those fires is counter-productive to its own environmental goals."

Well said.

Even with the pact, Inhofe argues there's still far too much red tape for the rural departments, which must keep track of vehicles, making sure that when they become obsolete, they are returned to the feds to be destroyed.

Rural fire departments, underfunded and overworked, frankly, do the work of the lord, trying to protect huge swaths of Oklahoma.

They need all the help they can get. Last week, Inhofe and Fallin had their back.

INFRASTRUCTURE CONT.

Expediting the Evaluation and Processing of Permits

(Sec. 1006): This provision allows public utilities, natural gas companies, and other midstream natural gas firms to provide funds to the Corps to pay for the processing of their pipeline permit applications. Gas producers and distributors must obtain permits from the Corps to construct their pipelines. Due to the oil and gas boom, applications for permits have stacked up, causing delays. Currently, non-federal public entities pay for the processing of their permits and this provision extends the same treatment to for-profit entities, ensuring that the Corps has all the resources it needs to quickly process applications.



New Brush 4. Thanks @jiminhofe with help getting program restored! #okfire #guthriefire #Guthrieok @OKForestService



Report on Water Storage Pricing Formulas (Bartlesville): 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. After Inhofe successfully included sec. 2016 in the Senate version of the bill, which would require a report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on water storage pricing formulas, Leaders of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate EPW Committee signed letters to Government Accountability Office (GAO) requesting a study, which will specifically target Bartlesville. Inhofe and Rep. Markwayne Mullin sent a follow up letter to GAO.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS



AUTHORIZED USE OF FORCE

As President Obama began an air strike campaign against ISIL in late summer of 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe was the first Republican to put forward legislation that would authorize use of force against the extreme terrorist organization. As first reported by the Associated Press on Sept. 5, Inhofe's resolution "also forces the president to submit a strategy to Congress within 60 days for how to defeat the Islamic State group. President Barack Obama has vowed to destroy and degrade the militants but conceded last week that the administration has no strategy."

Throughout the remainder of the 113th Congress, Inhofe led the charge that Congress needs to pass a new authorized use of force in order to remove any excuses from President Obama as to his capability to aid our allies and to provide assurances to the international coalition that America is resolved to support them in the defeat of ISIL. On Sept. 10, following the president's address to the nation about the United States' campaign against ISIL, Inhofe said, *"When a red-line was crossed in Syria over a year ago, it was left unchecked. When Iraq asked for help in January of this year, it was left unchecked. And the threat has already grown beyond the region with plots in Europe already uncovered. This is not Yemen and Somalia, and a counterterrorism strategy will not be able to 'defeat or degrade' a terrorist group that has grown to be a well-funded, well-networked terrorist army... Congress needs to send a signal before we adjourn that America stands behind our service members in harm's way by passing a defense authorization bill with appropriate funding that they will have the training and resources they need to take on this complex, and likely multi-year mission to protect America and American interests. I plan to also continue to urge Congress to pass my authorization to use all necessary and appropriate force as it will send a clear signal to our troops as well as our friends and allies in the region of our resolve to defeat ISIL."*

RUSSIA & EASTERN EUROPE

In 2014, the world watched as Russia invaded Crimea and showed further aggression towards Eastern Europe. While President Obama provided the region with sleeping bags and night vision goggles, Inhofe called for stronger resolve from America to support and preserve democracy in the region. Including his travel to the region to meet with government leaders and his action in the Senate Armed Services Committee, Inhofe also authored or cosponsored the following legislation in 2014:

S.1924, Inhofe cosponsored legislation that would require a report on the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty compliance with information sharing by Russia.

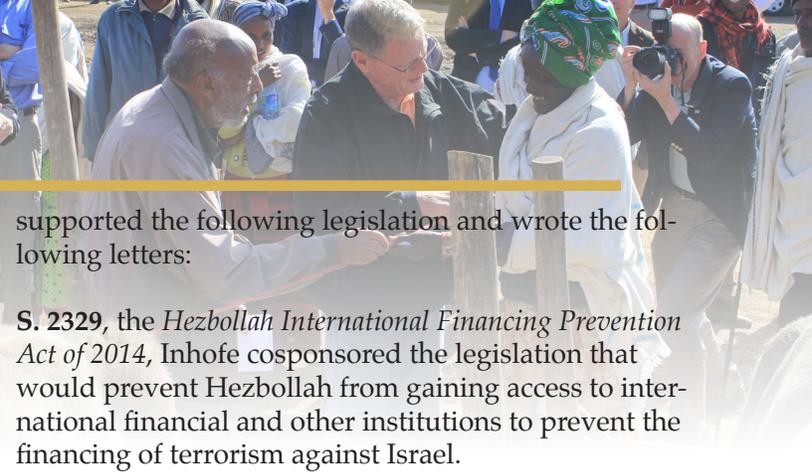
S.2238, the *Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act* of 2014, Inhofe cosponsored the legislation which stated that it is U.S. policy to not recognize the de jure or de facto

sovereignty of the Russian Federation over Crimea, its airspace, or its territorial waters.

S. 2277, *Russian Aggression Prevention Act*, Inhofe cosponsored the legislation which would level sanctions against Russian individuals and Russian energy and financial companies unless Russia withdraws from Crimea in Ukraine and has ceased its "destabilizing activities" in Eastern Ukraine.

S.Res.370, Inhofe cosponsored the resolution that would send a signal of Congressional support for the territorial integrity of Ukraine and condemn Russian military aggression in Ukraine.

S.Res.378, Inhofe was an original cosponsor of the resolution condemning illegal Russian aggression in the Ukraine, *which was passed by the U.S. Senate on March 11, 2014.*



S.Res.411, Inhofe authored the resolution that would express the sense of the Senate with respect to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Moldova.

S.Con.Res.34, Inhofe cosponsored the concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the president should hold the Russian Federation accountable for being in material breach of its obligations under the intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

IRAN

In 2014, the Obama administration eased sanctions on Iran as it entered negotiations over the country's nuclear arms. Inhofe does not believe the United States should be negotiating with a country that is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and has threatened to wipe Israel off the face of the earth. The following are actions Inhofe has taken in Congress regarding Iran-U.S. policy:

S. 2667, the *Iran Sanctions Relief Certification Act of 2014*, Inhofe cosponsored legislation which would amend the existing waiver authority and require the President to certify that funds provided to Iran as a result of the extension of the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) are not used to support terrorism, sanctioned entities, Iran's own or support to other nations' nuclear weapons or ballistic missile program, or violate Iranians' human rights.

S. Res. 328, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on steps the Government of Iran must take before further bilateral negotiations between the Government of Iran and the US can occur.

On Sept. 19, Inhofe with Sen. Mark Kirk sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry voicing objections against the P5+1 negotiating partners offering troubling nuclear concessions to Iran in hopes to rapidly conclude the negotiations for a "deal."

On Nov. 19, Inhofe sent a letter to President Obama regarding reports that the administration plans to circumvent Congress and unilaterally provide significant sanctions relief under a comprehensive nuclear agreement with Iran.

ISRAEL

Sen. Jim Inhofe has been a life-long supporter of the state of Israel. In 2014, Inhofe was a headline speaker at the Christians United for Israel Summit and also took several legislative steps in Congress to ensure America's support of Israel's sovereignty, to include additional funding in the National Defense Authorization Act for Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system. Inhofe also

supported the following legislation and wrote the following letters:

S. 2329, the *Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act of 2014*, Inhofe cosponsored the legislation that would prevent Hezbollah from gaining access to international financial and other institutions to prevent the financing of terrorism against Israel.

S.Res.498, Inhofe was an original cosponsor of the resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support for Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from Hamas from the Gaza Strip during the July-August hostilities. *It passed the U.S. Senate on July 17.*

On June 12, Inhofe wrote a letter to President Obama regarding the formation of a Palestinian Authority unity government supported by Hamas and expressed his deep concerns that this formation and President Abbas' renewed effort to upgrade the status of the Palestinians within international organizations will jeopardize any negotiations that could lead to permanent peace with Israel.

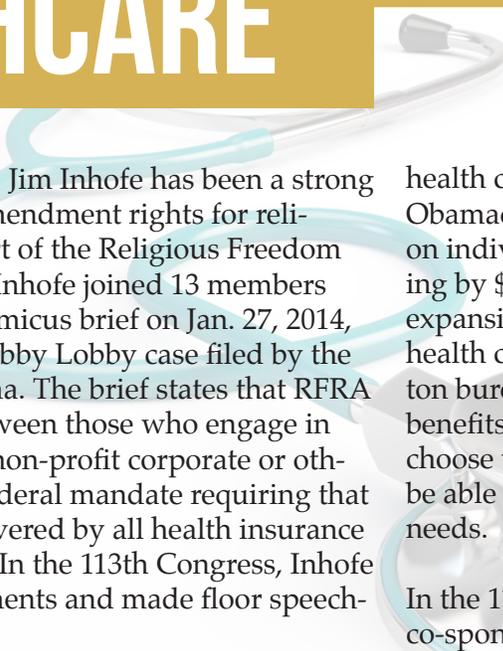
On Nov. 11, Inhofe wrote a letter to the Ghanaian and Liberian presidents asking them to direct their government representatives attending the 2014 United Nations General Assembly to vote against three resolutions that were directed against the State of Israel, the Jewish people and their religion. Both Liberia and Ghana abstained from supporting all three resolutions.

AFRICA

Sen. Jim Inhofe has made more than 135 country visits on the continent of Africa. He has led in building a United States military presence in Africa to aid in training local governments to fight against terrorist organizations. He has also worked on policy solutions that promote trade and energy security in order to help lift people out of poverty.

On May 1, Inhofe joined five Democratic colleagues in introducing S.Res.433, a resolution condemning the abduction of 234 female students by Boko Haram terrorists from the Government Girls Secondary School in the northeastern province of Borno in Nigeria. The resolution urged the United States to assist in effort to rescue the students. The Senate passed the resolution on May 6, and Inhofe made the following statement: *"Despite Boko Haram's selling price of \$12 per girl, human life is invaluable and must be protected. I am proud that the Senate united behind our resolution to demand the immediate, safe return of the girls and to oppose these human-rights violations."*

HEALTHCARE



Hobby Lobby

Since entering office, Sen. Jim Inhofe has been a strong supporter of our First Amendment rights for religious freedom. In support of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), Inhofe joined 13 members of Congress in filing an amicus brief on Jan. 27, 2014, in the Supreme Court Hobby Lobby case filed by the Green family of Oklahoma. The brief states that RFRA makes no distinction between those who engage in commercial activity in a non-profit corporate or otherwise. It argues that a federal mandate requiring that abortifacient drugs be covered by all health insurance plans violates the RFRA. In the 113th Congress, Inhofe issued many press statements and made floor speeches on this issue.

Obamacare has brought not only a financial burden to families across our nation, but also a burden on the consciences of employers being forced to provide funding for abortifacient drugs. On June 30, 2014, the Supreme Court released a 5 to 4 decision in favor of Hobby Lobby stating the Department of Health and Human Services' requirement of Hobby Lobby to provide its workers with no-cost access abortion-inducing drugs was in fact a violation of RFRA.

Obamacare

The legislative ideas in the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (ACA) will neither improve our

health care system nor bring down costs. Rather, Obamacare imposes roughly \$500 billion in new taxes on individuals and businesses, cuts Medicare funding by \$716 billion, and represents an unprecedented expansion of the federal government's control over health care. Under this so-called reform, Washington bureaucrats decide what is acceptable for health benefits. As Americans, we should have the right to choose what we want from our health care. We should be able to choose the health care that best suits our needs.

In the 113th Congress, Sen. Jim Inhofe was the co-sponsor of several bills which would repeal ACA, in part and in whole. These bills include the *American Liberty Restoration Act*, S. 40, which would repeal the federal mandate for all individuals to purchase health insurance or pay a fine; and S. 351, a bill to repeal provisions of the ACA providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board. Inhofe is also the cosponsor of S.177 and S.1490, which would fully repeal and delay the ACA, respectively; as well as S. 1488, a bill to delay the application of the individual and employer health insurance mandates. In addition, Inhofe cosponsored S. 232, which would repeal the medical device tax required under the ACA; and S. 610, which would repeal ACA restrictions on health savings accounts, medical savings accounts, and flexible spending accounts.

"If you restrict those of faith from applying their conscience to the world around them, then you quench the progress of freedom. It is David Green's faith practiced in his day-to-day business decisions that led him and his family to build a successful, nationwide company. It is this same conscience that compelled Green to guarantee his employees a day off during the week so that it could be spent in their religious communities and with their families. It was also this same belief that compelled Green to care for the wellbeing of Hobby Lobby's employees, providing hourly wages far above the national average and providing them health benefits before the federal government mandated it. The Obama Administration is attempting to write a new moral code if it is going to tell people like David Green that he no longer has the freedom to apply his faith convictions to how he operates a private business."

- U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, March 25, 2014

IMMIGRATION

in place to keep our nation and borders secure, while respecting those who have made the concerted effort to abide by our laws."

In 2014, Inhofe also authored or co-sponsored the following pieces of legislation to reform current immigration policy:

S.2463, *Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2014*: Authored by Inhofe, the legislation would close the legal loophole created by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Zadvydas v. Davis* case (2001) that requires immigration authorities to release back into the United States any immigrant that has not been accepted for deportation to other countries after being detained for six months.

S.2619, *Children Returning on an Expedited and Safe Timeline Act*: Co-sponsored by Inhofe, the legislation would address the influx of UAC crossing our Southern border.

S.2631: Cosponsored by Inhofe, the bill would prevent the expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program unlawfully created by executive memorandum on Aug. 15, 2012. Specifically, it would prohibit any federal agency or instrumentality to: (1) consider or adjudicate any new or previously denied application of any alien requesting consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals, as authorized by executive memorandum on August 15, 2012; or (2) authorize any alien to work in the United States who was not lawfully admitted into the United States and who is not in lawful status in the United States on the date of enactment of this act.

S.2633, *UAC State Notification Act of 2014*: Cosponsored by Inhofe, the bill would require Health and Human Services or Department of Homeland Security to notify the governor of a state within 48 hours before the placement of an unaccompanied alien child (UAC) in that state.

S.2781, *Student Visa Integrity Act*: Cosponsored by Inhofe, the legislation would enhance requirements, training, background checks and penalties for schools and officials who administer the Student and Exchange Visitor Program to prevent fraud and abuse.



PROTECTING OKLAHOMA FROM OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S RECKLESS IMMIGRATION POLICIES

In June 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe, then ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was notified that the Obama administration would be using Fort Sill military base in Lawton, Okla. to house at least 600 unaccompanied alien children (UAC) who illegally immigrated to the United States. Inhofe immediately released a statement saying, *"Our nation has an immigration problem and a national security crisis, but I don't believe the answer is for our military facilities to be transformed into a center that houses, feeds, and cares for illegal immigrants."*

On June 20, 2014, Inhofe visited Fort Sill to tour the base where children had begun to be housed, and the base had also been instructed to prepare room for upwards of 1,200 children. During his visit, the administration was unable to provide answers to basic questions as to where the resources were going to come to care for these children or an assurance that the installation would not become a permanent solution to an immigration crisis.

By July 21, the Obama administration announced that military bases housing UACs would need to be prepared to house up-to an additional 5,000 children in addition to the ongoing support for 3,600 children it approved in May, and the administration committed Defense Department facilities to be used through Jan. 31, 2015. Because this new deadline would begin to impede on Fort Sill's vital responsibility to house and train new recruits, Inhofe took strong action and led the Oklahoma delegation in sending a public letter to the Obama administration urging for reconsideration of the use of Fort Sill as a long-term holding facility for UACs, and continued to request multiple updates on the use of the base and care of the children. By Aug. 4, 2014, the Obama Administration announced it would be closing the facility at Fort Sill. Inhofe released a statement saying, *"Ultimately this news does nothing to stem the unprecedented flow of children across the U.S.-Mexico border or correct the president's policies that are encouraging illegal immigration. We should enforce the policies Congress put*



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

**SPEAKING TO IN DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANS
JULY 22, 2014**

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag

On May 21, 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe along with Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Chris Coons (D-Del.), and Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), introduced S.Res.453, legislation condemning the death sentence of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy who was also eight months pregnant at the time. The resolution calls for her immediate and unconditional release from Sudanese prison, where she remained with her then 20 month-old son; reaffirms the government's commitment to ending religious discrimination; and calls for the inclusion of religious freedom and respect for international human rights during the drafting of Sudan's new constitution. *The resolution passed the U.S. Senate on June 3, 2014.*

On June 2, Inhofe sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry asking for the United States to seek the immediate release of Meriam, and for the State Department to explore granting her and her family political asylum. Inhofe continued to press the State Department and requested regular briefings on her detention. On July 24, Meriam was released and departed Sudan with her family. She arrived in the United States on July 31, where she currently resides.

Upon her release, Inhofe made the following statement: "Meriam's story reminds us that there are still many areas of the world where religious intolerance and persecution are not only alive but are being instigated by government leaders. My wife Kay and my prayers remain with Meriam and her family, as well as those around the world who desire to practice their deeply held faith peacefully and freely but are threatened with imprisonment, disownment, or even death."

The *Tulsa World* praised Inhofe for his efforts saying, "*Inhofe is a man with a heart. A recognized expert on African policy, he championed the cause of Meriam Ibrahim.*"

Religious Liberty in the Arab World

On March 6, 2014, Inhofe sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry expressing grave concern of the Pakistani government's blasphemy laws and requesting he use his official powers to ensure those wrongfully charged with blasphemy in Pakistan are protected against further acts of religious persecution. This letter was sent in ongoing support of Inhofe's resolution, S.Res.69, introduced in 2013 that would call for the United States to assist in the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world where many governments continue to tolerate violations of this basic human right.

On July 24, 2014, Inhofe joined S.Res.530 as a cosponsor which would express the sense of the Senate on the current situation in Iraq and the urgent need to protect religious minorities from persecution from the Islamic State as it expands its control over areas in Northwest Iraq. **The resolution passed the U.S. Senate by unanimous consent on Sept. 18.**

On Nov. 21, 2014, Inhofe sent a letter to Chief Justice Nasir-ul-Mulk of the Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding Asia Bibi, a Christian woman who has been appealing her death sentence since it was handed down in 2010. The letter specifically calls for the "immediate and unconditional" overturning of her blasphemy conviction and securing her release. On Nov. 30, the court agreed to re-open the case.

On Dec. 10, 2014, Inhofe joined Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) in sending a letter to Sec. John Kerry encouraging expeditious action to protect Christians and other religious minorities from the violence in Iraq and Syria.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

In addition to Sen. Jim Inhofe's support of Hobby Lobby as it navigated religious suppression under Obamacare, Inhofe has continued to fight for all Americans' right to practice their faith peacefully and in the public square. This included fighting for those serving in our armed services. As ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Inhofe closely monitored and investigated instances where members of the military reported religious intolerance. He even fought for religious liberty back at home, and victory was had in 2014 when the Tulsa Christmas parade returned the word "Christ" in its title after a four year hiatus.

Inhofe also spoke on the Senate floor about the importance of protecting religious freedom, to include a speech on April 30, 2014. The text as prepared for delivery is as follows:



225th Anniversary of George Washington's inaugural address to the nation

"Today marks the 225th Anniversary of George Washington's inaugural address to the nation. It's reported that more than 10,000 people gathered on this day in 1789 to hear from a man who won a war and who was now ushering in an era of peace and freedom for our new nation.

"As historian Dr. Peter Lillback pointed out in his recent book about our first President, Washington knew that everything he was to say in the first inaugural address would set a precedent for all that was to come after him in establishing our nation. It is why Americans should take note at how Washington weaved in with intentionality his belief in the Omnipotent. Washington said, 'It would be peculiarly

improper to omit in this first official Act, my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the Universe...'

"Washington went on to say, 'No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the Affairs of men more than the People of the United States. Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.'

"We are here because of the hand of God. Washington's leadership was grounded in his belief in God, His law, and that liberty is God's gift. As we reflect on the anniversary of Washington's speech, it is important that we are reminded as a nation what our Founding Father fought to establish.

"In this same inaugural speech, Washington said – and I quote – 'the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.'

"Washington's conviction was that we as Americans are entrusted by God to preserve basic freedoms established in the Constitution, such as the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion.

"The secularist culture we see our nation embracing today would seek to censor such words from a leader like Washington. Their intolerance fails to acknowledge that it was Washington's convictions and our Founding Father's faith values that gave us the public square.

"It is only appropriate that on this anniversary we also consider the words of Washington's farewell address in 1796 where he said that the pillars supporting our republic are morality and religion. He said, "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

We must restore the morality of our nation given to us by our Founding Fathers. As my son likes to say, "Without God, the Constitution is nothing but a piece of paper."

2ND AMENDMENT



Anniversary of Sec. Kerry signing UN Arms Trade Treaty

By James Inhofe | Sep 24, 2014

With Israel under fire this summer; Russia engaging in acts of war against Ukraine; and Taiwan and South Korea facing threats from China, it is critical that our nation's leadership establish clear and effective American policy to protect American interests. Unfortunately, a year ago today, the Obama administration signed the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which if ratified, would compromise American interests.

The ATT language in Article 6, if taken at face value, sounds reasonable by barring the sale of arms that could be used for abominable acts such as genocide that the United States already strives to prevent. Yet the overarching language that subjects the sale of arms to a panel of unelected U.N. bureaucrats compromises our national sovereignty and could severely limit our nation's ability to aid our allies.

Consider the recent situation in Israel. If the U.S. had ratified the ATT before the current conflict began, it is likely we would have been restricted from aiding our most faithful ally in the Middle East region with resources to defend against Hamas terrorists.

On July 23, in a vote of 29 nations to 1, with 17 nations abstaining, the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted a resolution to investigate Israel for war crimes while Israel continues to act in self-defense. Countries with long histories of human rights violations – China, Cuba, Russia, and Venezuela – sit in judgment on the Council. While casting votes against a democracy defending itself against terrorists, they never mention that over 4,000 rockets have been fired at civilian population centers in Israel or the cowardly and illegal use by Hamas of Palestinian civilians as shields.

The same month, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, condemned the United States for providing “the heavy weaponry which is now being used by Israel in Gaza” and for helping to fund the ‘Iron Dome’ which has stopped over 400 Hamas rockets from hitting Israeli civilians.

Though Pillay did concede that Hamas may have violated international humanitarian law by firing into Israel indiscriminately from densely-populated areas, Palestine and Hamas are not the subject of international scrutiny or UNHRC criticism. Instead, she directed her condemnation at Israel and the United States alone. Addressing Israel, she challenged, “we cannot allow impunity, we

cannot allow this lack of accountability to go on” while ignoring the flagrant disregard by Hamas of the law of armed conflict that deliberately put innocent Palestinian civilians into harm's way.

What Pillay has failed to acknowledge is that Israel uses foreign aid to build a defensive system to protect innocent civilians from terrorists, while Hamas uses foreign funding – much of it from Iran – to store and launch rockets in locations surrounded by innocent civilians, forcing Palestinians to act as human shields for terrorists.

Inappropriate and harmful judgments such as these handed down by unelected and unaccountable international bureaucrats are why the United States should not hand critical pieces of our sovereignty to multinational organizations.

The United States stands shoulder-to-shoulder with Israel and supports its right to defend itself. However, if the United States ratified the ATT, we would be handcuffing ourselves from aiding Israel and other allies in need of protection from terrorists and bullies such as Iran, China and Russia.

As with past U.N. treaties that have failed in the Senate, I stand with many of my fellow colleagues and Americans in holding fast to our sovereignty in rejecting the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty. On March 23, 2013, the Senate, at 5 a.m., 53 Senators voted in favor of an amendment to the fiscal year 2014 budget that would help prevent the United States from entering into this treaty. That budget resolution never became law, but as the body of Congress that ratifies treaties, this sent a strong message that the Senate will not vote to put the ATT into force. In October of the same year, a bipartisan group of 50 U.S. Senators joined me in sending a letter to President Obama to say this treaty is dead on arrival in the Senate. It's time the President rescinds the United States name as a signatory of this treaty, which is already being soundly rejected and would undermine America's best interests.

In the 114th Congress, Inhofe cosponsored the following 2nd amendment legislation:

S.1908, *Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2014*, which would 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 photo ID, to carry a concealed handgun in any state in accordance with the restrictions of that state.

S.2105, *Gun-Owner Registration Information Protection Act*, which would prohibit any federal agency from supporting (by funding or other means) the establishment or maintenance by a state or political subdivision of any listing of firearms lawfully possessed or owned by private persons except in the case of firearms that have been reported as lost or stolen.

Sen. Jim Inhofe, a longtime recipient of the National Taxpayers Union's "Taxpayer's Friend Award," believes in a simple, fair tax code that empowers taxpayers and businesses with certainty to spend and invest in our nation's economy. While Congress continues its work towards tax reform, Inhofe has fought for tax provisions that benefit Oklahomans and the state's industry. As mentioned in the aviation section, Inhofe successfully passed legislation in Congress to extend to American Airlines employees the option to contribute bankruptcy settlements into retirement accounts without incurring a tax penalty. This law, which was signed in December 2014, will benefit more than 5,800 Oklahomans and allow American Airline employees the same tax deal offered to other employees of air service providers who filed bankruptcy prior to 2007.

Inhofe was also involved in the following tax-related legislation in 2014:

Indian Lands Tax Provision

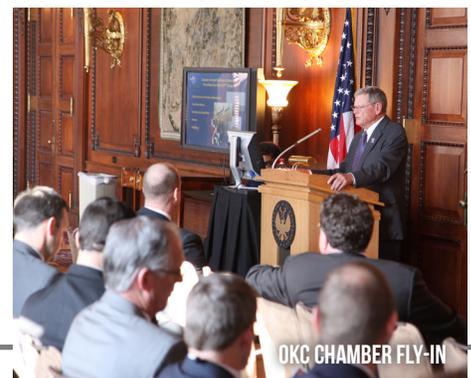
On Dec. 17, 2013, Inhofe introduced legislation to make permanent the Indian Lands Accelerated Depreciation tax provision, a key reason for companies such as Macy's to choose Oklahoma to relocate and expand their operations. On Dec. 16, 2014, Inhofe praised the inclusion of the provision in H.R. 5771, the tax extenders package which passed both chambers and was signed into law, P.L. 113-295. Inhofe has voted on every occasion to extend the temporary tax provision that permits accelerated depreciation on Indian lands and, since 2005, has introduced legislation each Congress to make the provision a permanent part of the federal tax code.

Natural Gas Tax Provision

The tax extenders package also extended the 50-cent per gallon excise tax credit for natural gas sold as a transportation fuel. This tax credit was first created in 2005 as part of the highway bill, SAFETEA-LU (P.L. 109-59), of which Inhofe was the principal author. This, together with Inhofe's other work to streamline regulations for natural gas vehicles, remains an important component of establishing natural gas as a mainstream transportation fuel.

Marginal Wells Tax Amendment

On May 14, 2014, Sen. Jim Inhofe introduced amendment 2056 to the Senate tax extenders bill to revive an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provision that would eliminate the taxable income limit on percentage depletion for oil and natural gas produced from marginal wells. At the time of introduction, Inhofe said, "Marginal oil and gas wells produce on average 2 barrels per day, yet account for nearly 28 percent of domestic production in the lower 48 states. The United States must encourage the continued production of marginal wells in order to achieve our shared goal of energy independence. My amendment will revive an IRS provision that has been supported by Congress for 16 years and will give energy producers the predictability and certainty they require to invest in the future of our domestic resources."



VETERANS



On July 31, Congress passed a comprehensive, bipartisan bill to reform the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The legislation enforces accountability and transparency by requiring the VA to publish online wait-time goals as well as quality of care and outcome measures for all facilities. It also authorizes the VA Secretary to remove any employee that falsifies wait times or quality of care data. Most importantly, the bill gives veterans the much-needed opportunity to seek care from non-VA providers for the next two years if the veteran is unable to be seen within wait-time goals or resides more than 40 miles from a VA facility. Beyond addressing alarming concerns regarding veterans' access to health care, this bill also expands job opportunities for veterans and expands access to affordable, higher education by allowing GI Bill recipients to receive in-state tuition rates within three years of discharge.

When the legislation was originally introduced, it also included authorization for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out 27 major medical facility leases in 19 states. As Congress worked through the legislation, the Tulsa VA clinic was removed from the bill, bringing the number down to 26 clinics. When this was announced, Inhofe immediately, upon return to Tulsa, toured the clinic and pledged to restore the needed funding to keep the facility's services available and doors open after 2020. Inhofe worked behind the scenes pressing leaders on the legislation, which led to the Tulsa VA clinic's funding being restored before final passage of the legislation. Upon final passage, Inhofe said, "Congress took an important step towards reforming an overburdened and unnecessarily bureaucratic agency today while improving the quality of health care our veterans have rightfully earned and deserve... The Veterans reform bill passed by Congress today is not an end-all solution to fixing the department. It will take ongoing oversight of each facility across the nation. This year alone, my office has opened 800 cases of Oklahoma veterans needing help with the VA, and I strongly urge our veterans to continue contacting my office so that together we can push for further necessary reforms to improve the system as a whole."

[We] prefer to look at this bill the way U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe did: The problem had to be solved. The measure includes reforms and needed spending for a top national priority.

- Tulsa World Editorial Board, Aug. 5, 2014

In 2014, Inhofe cosponsored the following veteran-related legislation:

S. 1648, which would establish a National Moment of Silence on each Memorial Day to honor our veterans.

S. 257, the GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act, which would direct the VA Secretary to disapprove courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that do not charge tuition and fees for veterans at the same rate that is charged for in-state residents, regardless of the veteran's state of residence. The same bill language was included in the VA reform bill, H.R. 3230, passed on July 31, 2014

S. 1862, The Monuments Men Recognition Act, which would make arrangements for the presentation of a single congressional Gold Medal in commemoration of the Monuments Men in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following the War.

S.2190, The Hire More Heroes Act, which would allow employers to exempt employees that have health care coverage through TRICARE or the VA from the 50 full-time equivalent limit included in the Affordable Care Act.

S. 2013, Department of VA Management Accountability Act, which would authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to remove any employee of the VA from a Senior Executive Service position upon determining such individual's performance warrants removal. The same bill language was included in the VA reform bill, H.R. 3230, passed on July 31, 2014.

S. 1387, the HAVEN Act, which would direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish a pilot program to award grants to non-profit organizations that primarily serve veterans or low-income individuals. Requires such grants to be used to rehabilitate and modify the primary residence of disabled or low-income veterans (at a specified limited or no cost to such veterans). *The same bill language was included in the enacted FY'15 NDAA, which Inhofe helped author as the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.*

S. 2316, which would require the Inspector General of the VA to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment at the

VA, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the VA.

S. 2424, which would provide veterans with the choice of medical providers and to increase transparency and accountability of operations of the Veterans Health Administration of the VA.

In 2014, Inhofe sent the following public letters to assist Oklahoma's veterans:

Inhofe co-authored a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder on June 5 with Sens. Blumenthal, McCain, Landrieu, T. Udall, Rubio, Manchin, Flake, Durbin and Coburn urging that federal investigators and attorneys assume a leadership role to assure that anyone responsible for abuses in the VA medical care system is held accountable through criminal prosecution and help correct shortcomings that have outraged and astonished Americans.

Inhofe co-authored a letter to VA Sec. Robert McDonald on Aug. 5 requesting he direct the IG of the VA to immediately investigate the care provided to our veterans at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee and the Ernest Childers' VA Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa.

In 2014, Inhofe participated in the following TV interviews regarding his office's casework to help local veterans receive needed care:

- KJRH-TV | July 4, 2014 | Veteran Monty Collins of Tulsa falls victim to Veterans Affairs problems after heart attack

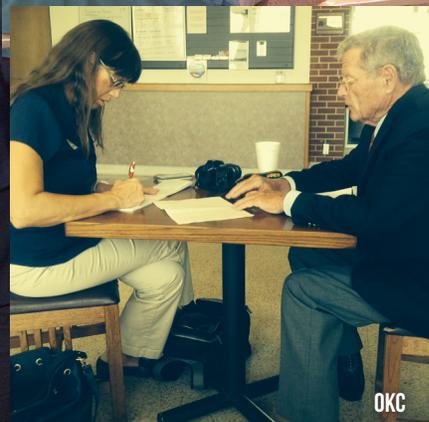
- KJRH-TV | Sept. 11, 2014 | Veteran loses unborn child after VA denies procedure



WHERE'S JIM BEEN



IN 2014, SEN. JIM INHOFE MADE 106 VISITS TO TOWNS IN OKLAHOMA.



Sen. Jim 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 2014:

Completed 3642 cases:

- 1860 Veterans, Military
- 412 SSA, Medicare, Healthcare, DHS, Corps of Engineers, Interior, EPA
- 92 Immigration, FCC, FTC, Energy, State Department
- 585 Transportation, Labor, Treasury, Grants
- 653 Tours, Academy Nominations
- 40 FEMA, SBA, Education, Housing

Currently, the office is working on 2041 cases for constituents:

- 959 Veterans, Military
- 663 SSA, Medicare, Healthcare, DHS, Corps of Engineers, Interior, EPA
- 44 Immigration, FCC, FTC, Energy, State Department
- 229 Transportation, Labor, Treasury, Grants
- 146 Tours, Academy Nominations

ily and leaving the bread and broth / dirt floor orphanage and yet he kept getting denied. His denial was based on protocol to only issue student visas to those with family and property in their home countries. Of course, this was not possible because Ayanaw lived in an orphanage with no parents and no income.

God put me in the presence of Senator Inhofe as we both were on morning walks. I asked for some of his precious alone time and he obliged. I explained the situation and upon my summation, he said that he would help me. He went on to tell me about his family and how his daughter had also been adopted from Ethiopia. Senator Inhofe, knowing a tremendous amount about the Ethiopian government and of course U.S. policy, made a call and the Ethiopian ambassador agreed that Ayanaw deserved a chance at an education. Within a month, Ayanaw arrived in Tulsa to begin a new chapter in his life and one that he is making the most of.



weren't the right thing to do. We are blessed to have someone in Washington who can be trusted to do the right thing.

CASEWORK

CASEWORK SUCCESS STORY RESTORING HOPE, FAMILY, & A FUTURE FOR ANAYNAW

An open letter from the Reiberts of Tulsa

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for actions Senator Jim Inhofe took on our behalf. We knew of a boy in an Ethiopian orphanage who was smart, kind and joyous even though his circumstances were cruel. His name is Ayanaw Mesganaw. It was our goal, and I believe God's plan, to bring him to America to live with us. Steve and I were willing to pay for everything as to not burden the American taxpayer. With adoption not being allowed under Ethiopian law due to his age, our best option was to obtain a student visa for this young man. I followed the Immigration website directions and found a private school that would accept him even with limited English skills. Metro Christian Academy issued Ayanaw an I20 which is necessary to apply for a visa. Working with Ayanaw with limited internet access, no phone, money or car, we were able to get him the proper paperwork to have an appointment with the American Embassy in Ethiopia. Three times, our embassy denied this young man a chance to study in the US even though Steve and I were willing to pay for the entirety of his education and living expenses. Ayanaw was heartbroken as were we. He was so close to having a family

Ayanaw has immersed himself in the English language and culture, obeying all laws and working harder than any of his peers. Ayanaw is now studying Engineering at Oral Roberts University making exceptional grades and lasting friendships. Ayanaw would like to apply for citizenship one day realizing the time and effort but also the value of being an American. Ayanaw loves this country and finally has a family.

With an education, Ayanaw can alter all Mesganaw generations to come. No longer, will any family member be born in a mud hut and have to be married by age 10. Senator Inhofe gave this boy the chance to change his life and so many generations to come. The Inhofe staff has also been incredibly helpful through this endeavor. Senator Inhofe asked for absolutely nothing in return. He told me he wouldn't do it if it

- Tracy and Steve Reibert of Tulsa, Oklahoma

MEDIA MATTERS

OPPOSITE THE EDITORIAL IN 2014

NORMAN TRANSCRIPT: Celebrating November as National Adoption Month, November 22: "It all started ten years ago, in the fall of 2004 at Oklahoma State University. That is when Bobby and Sara met. About a year later they were engaged, and they were married in 2006. Guided by faith, Bobby and Sara Alsup started their family and throughout the years became champions of adoption."

USA TODAY: Sen. Inhofe: 'A non-binding charade', November 13: "President Obama and President Xi of China have come to an agreement on greenhouse gas emissions. It's being hailed as a 'historic' breakthrough ahead of the 2015 U.N. Climate Change Conference, but I have three words: Talk is cheap."

TULSA WORLD: GOP candidates should run positive campaigns, November 8: "In my many years of seeking Oklahomans' vote to serve them in public office, this was the first time I ran a completely positive campaign. I learned a lesson that I hope my Republican colleagues pay close attention to in future elections."

WASHINGTON POST: Give Ukraine the weapons it needs for self-defense, October 19: "When Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko spoke to a joint session of Congress last month, he thanked the United States for its assistance in confronting Russian aggression, and indeed, our country, along with our NATO allies, has done much. But Poroshenko asked us for more. 'Blankets, night-vision goggles are also important,' he said, 'but one cannot win the war with blankets.'"

POLITICO: A bigger budget for a bigger threat, October 14: "Our military is again being called upon to defend the nation against one of the most complex global security environments the United States has faced in recent history. Tragically, over the past six years, that same military has borne the brunt of President Obama's misguided fiscal priorities. This must change. Our military needs a budget that reflects the reality of the threats our nation faces."

THE OKLAHOMAN: EPA should withdraw proposed water rule, November 12: "Ron Curry, the assistant administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency region that includes Oklahoma, has said the EPA's newly proposed Waters of the United States rule will provide slam-dunk benefits to Oklahomans that would come without a cost."

TOWNHALL.com: Anniversary of Sec. Kerry signing UN Arms Trade Treaty, September 24: "With Israel under fire this summer; Russia engaging in acts of war against Ukraine; and Taiwan and South Korea facing threats from China, it is critical that our nation's leadership establish clear and effective American policy to protect American interests. Unfortunately, a year ago today, the Obama Administration signed the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), which if ratified, would compromise American interests."

THE HILL: Obama's climate goals have already failed, September 22: "The United Nations Climate Summit, which President Obama is attending today, is being marketed as an opportunity for global leaders to come together and craft the path forward on an internationally binding agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is important to keep in mind, however, that leaders from many of the world's largest economies will not be there to participate in the discussions."

DEFENSE ONE: The US Needs a Third Missile Defense Site, September 15: "Ten years ago this month, the United States began to address its vulnerability to limited long-range nuclear missile strikes when the first ground-based interceptor (GBI) became operational at Fort Greely, Alaska. The president and Congress share a joint duty to protect the American people and not allow potential adversaries to hold U.S. foreign policy hostage by threatening nuclear attacks against our homeland."

FOREIGN POLICY: It's Time to Stop Putin's Nuclear Arms Buildup, September 8: "Once again, Russian President Putin is flexing his muscles with no serious response from President Obama. Not only did Russia violate the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, signed by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, it did so while negotiating with the Obama administration over New START, a 2010 arms reduction treaty. The White House was at best naïve to Russian duplicity; at worst it was complicit."

GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY MAGAZINE: CBP Stops and Searches of General Aviation, September 2: "Two years ago, the Pilot's Bill of Rights (PBOR) was signed into law, leveling the playing field between the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) and general aviation pilots in the court of law. Prior to enactment, the FAA was allowed to use its strength and bureaucratic prowess to strong arm pilots into enforcement actions without giving them an opportunity to fully defend themselves.”

THE WASHINGTON TIMES: An Obama switch for African electricity, August 5: “One of the greatest challenges facing developing nations, including those in Africa, is a lack of affordable, reliable electricity. We take it for granted here in the United States that whenever we flip a switch, the lights turn on, and stay on, until we flip the switch again. The same goes for our factories — when they open, they run until they are shut down for the evening. In many cases, they actually run continuously — around the clock.”

OKLAHOMA ECONOMIC REPORT: Keep Oklahoma a leader in energy, July 31: “Oklahoma has a long and illustrious history of being a leading energy producer in the country. Whether its oil, natural gas, coal, or wind, Oklahoma has led the way in the development and implementation of technologies that are making America energy independent.”

FOXNEWS.COM: It's time for Congress to fight for our soldiers, July 25: “We ask a lot of our military men and women. When they volunteer and take an oath to serve our nation in uniform, they understand it will likely mean extended periods away from their loved ones, often in far-off lands and often at great risk to their lives.”

OKLAHOMAN: Inhofe, Cole: Obama must address surge in young immigrants, July 13: “As one of America’s premier military installations, Fort Sill continuously accepts and trains hundreds of new U.S. Army recruits. After graduating from Fort Sill’s 10-week basic training course, these soldiers go on to help keep the nation safe and freedoms secure — all with skills they learned in Oklahoma. But in June, new neighbors arrived on the post.”

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PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE: Taking Care of Our Veterans, June 20: “As we all know, freedom is not free, and our brave veterans have placed their lives on the line to honorably fight for the freedoms we enjoy. There is no adequate compensation to repay them for their sacrifices, but we can and we must endeavor to pay tribute to their service by continuing our commitment to provide them with the best possible care and recognition.”

TULSA TODAY: State, Local Voice is Pivotal in Education, June 18: “For many years at Edison High School in Tulsa, Okla., my wife, Kay, dedicated her life to teaching and mentoring young students, never knowing that in the years to come, two of our children would follow in their mother’s footsteps, building classrooms of their own and impacting the lives of so many young people.”

THE LAWTON CONSTITUTION: Obama’s ‘Free-pass’ Policies Lead to Immigration Crisis, June 15: “There is a crisis at our border and the President is to blame. Last year more than 24,000 unaccompanied alien children (UAC) were found trying to cross our southern border. This year that number is expected to more than double or triple. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) in Texas is so overwhelmed that they are sending these children, aged 12-17, to military installations in Texas, California, and Oklahoma to be temporarily housed.”

TIME: Sen. Inhofe: President Obama Compromised American Security To Burnish His Legacy, June 4: “Now that the Taliban Dream Team is back on the field of battle, it will be that much easier to close Guantanamo—the administration’s true priority.”



OPPOSITE THE EDITORIAL CONT.

AOPA PILOT MAGAZINE: Giving Pilots a Voice: Preview of Pilot's Bill of Rights 2, June 4: "Two years ago, the Pilot's Bill of Rights (PBOR) was signed into law, leveling the playing field between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and general aviation pilots in the court of law. Prior to enactment, the FAA was allowed to use its strength and bureaucratic prowess to strong arm pilots into enforcement actions without giving them an opportunity to fully defend themselves. As a pilot for over 60 years with more than 11,000 hours of flight time, I was proud to lead the effort to provide solutions to this problem and give pilots a voice."

USA TODAY: Inhofe: President plays politics with climate change, May 31: "Cap-and-trade proposals have been explicitly rejected in Congress no fewer than four times over the last 15 years, but President Obama and his administration will be announcing Monday his plans to charge full steam ahead, leaving the American majority behind."

THE OKLAHOMAN: Sen. Jim Inhofe: Legislation offers some security for storm victims, May 24: "A year has passed since Oklahoma experienced the devastating tornadoes that touched down in Shawnee and Moore, taking 25 lives and leveling whole neighborhoods. We're again in the middle of tornado season, yet many Oklahomans still face the searing pain of loss from the 2013 storms. The last thing that should be on their minds is how to afford the rebuilding of their lives or surviving another potential severe storm this year."

TULSA WORLD: Earmark moratorium empowers Obama, weakens Congress, May 18: "What I warned America in late 2010 is proving true today: Eliminating earmarks has not saved taxpayers one dime. Instead our debt has increased by \$4 trillion, and Congress is giving specified amounts of taxpayer dollars to the president so that he can spend it as he and his unelected bureaucrats so please."

INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY: Earmark Ban Hasn't Fixed Washington's Debt Crisis, May 15: "In March 2010, Congress banned the practice of earmarks. Since then, the national debt under President Obama has increased by \$4 trillion dollars. Clearly the earmark ban has not been a fruitful solution to fix our debt crisis."

WASHINGTON TIMES: The Dim Future Of Affordable, Reliable Energy, May 5: "If one word were to characterize the Obama Administration's posture toward the economy it would be overregulation. Common sense would instruct that regulations should be supported when the benefits outweighs the costs. Due to this administration's tactics of distorting the cost of its regulations, federal agencies are getting away with an excessive rulemaking agenda that should otherwise be intolerable."

WALL STREET JOURNAL: Fill 'er Up—With Natural Gas, February 27: "Not long ago, Washington was debating how to secure energy from abroad to meet our economy's demands. Today, thanks to homegrown technological innovations like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, the U.S. is the largest natural gas producer in the world, with 65 billion cubic feet extracted daily."

WASHINGTON TIMES: Congress Should Repeal the Renewable Fuel Standard, January 22: "In November of last year, the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) proposed reducing the volumetric requirements of the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) for 2014. With this announcement, the EPA tacitly acknowledged that the program is irretrievably broke. But despite this welcome development, deep, structural problems of the RFS remain and are only now rising to the surface of the public's attention."



MEDIA MATTERS

ONLINE MEDIA

e-newsletter

2014: Mailings: 23 Readers: 87,634

youtube.com/jiminhofepressoffice

Video uploads: 137, Total: 875
 New Subscribers: 134, Total 1,171
 Views: 45,416, Total: 1,661,374



twitter.com/inhofepress

Gained followers: 1,107
 Unique Impressions: 3.1 million
 Retweets: 2,965



Inhofe Press Office @InhofePress · Oct 28
 Sen. Inhofe on Monday visited U.S. troops stationed in Lithuania who are providing support to our NATO allies.
pic.twitter.com/trX6fs672G



Inhofe Press Office @InhofePress · Jul 30
 Inhofe: Since the operation began, 32 tunnels have been uncovered that would have been used to attack Israel.
#Senatefloor

facebook.com/jiminhofe

Posts: 349
 Reach: 3,877,315 people
 New Subscribers: 6,907

Senator Jim Inhofe
 July 24, 2014 · 🌐

President Obama's deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) program, announced in 2012, is responsible for the unprecedented flow of unaccompanied alien children (UAC) crossing the border illegally. This program and President Obama's campaign rhetoric have given families in Central America the false promise of amnesty here in the United States, as long as they can just get to the border. This is why the Department of Homeland Security is predicting 90,000 UAC to cross the border this year alone, when the number was as low as 6,000 in 2011 and every year before then. This week I joined Senator Ted Cruz, Jeff Sessions and Senator David Vitter on legislation to #StopObamasAmnesty. You can read more about the legislation here: <http://www.inhofe.senate.gov/.../inhofe-backs-legislation-to-...>

65,824 People Reached
6,439 Likes, Comments & Shares

4,767 Likes	3,179 On Post	1,588 On Shares
521 Comments	200 On Post	321 On Shares
1,151 Shares	1,101 On Post	50 On Shares
2,272 Post Clicks		
314 Photo Views	28 Link Clicks	1,930 Other Clicks

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK
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Consideration of Deterred Action for Childhood Arrivals
 "WITHOUT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN PROMISE OF AMNESTY WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN CROSSING OUR SOUTHERN BORDER"
 SEN. JIM INHOFE
#StopObamasAmnesty

Senator Jim Inhofe
 June 26, 2014 · 🌐

Today the Supreme Court confirmed the President's disregard for the law in January of 2012 when he skirted congress and made unconstitutional appointments. He took matters into his own hands and ignored the will of the people, much like he has done on a number of other issues during his Presidency from costly cap-and-trade regulations to the rollout of ObamaCare. Today's ruling serves as a reminder that the Constitution will always govern this land and must be respected, even by the President.
1.usa.gov/UMVgz0

40,432 People Reached
2,619 Likes, Comments & Shares

1,872 Likes	1,159 On Post	713 On Shares
364 Comments	151 On Post	213 On Shares
383 Shares	368 On Post	15 On Shares
3,013 Post Clicks		
399 Photo Views	107 Link Clicks	2,507 Other Clicks

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