

# Washington, D.C.

Purpose of trip: To advocate for education funding and to support Davis-Monthan, industry

- Over the course of two days, met with leaders and legislators and their staff members:

- Sen. John McCain
- Sen. Jeff Flake
- Rep Paul Gosar
- Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick
- Rep. Ruben Gallego
- Rep. Trent Franks
- Rep. David Schweikert
- Rep. Matt Salmon
- Rep. Martha McSally
- Victor Mendez, Director of Transportation

# Topics discussed

- CTE federal Perkins funding
  - Key issue here is continue Perkins funding, which is used for CTE instruction and is vital to creating the workforce industry in Tucson says we need.
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) aka No Child Left Behind
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- Support for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
  - Tucson Unified supports military with an A-rated elementary school on base as well as A-rated Palo Verde, A-rated Sabino and B-rated Sahuaro nearby. We provide transportation.
  - We have counselors available to support military families, and our schools have a stable faculty.

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- Importance of an educated workforce
  - Discussed types of industry important to business and the state's economy to include aerospace, defense, mining, import/export and the types of skilled workers needed
  - Informs educational leaders to help create programs that will support industry needs
  - Main message: Education is the engine that fuels the economic future

# Who else was there?

- Raytheon, Tucson Metro Chamber, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, Bombardier Aerospace, University of Arizona, City of Tucson, Port of Tucson, TEP
- Tucson Unified mentioned during GPEC news conference by Congresswoman Martha McSally
- Rep. McSally stressed the importance of education as the local level's contribution to American economic growth and strength

