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“ObamaCare on Shaky Ground”

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Not a week goes by that there isn’t news about another Affordable Care Act failure. Whether it is reports of another failed Co-Op or another insurance provider dropping out of the federal exchanges—it’s painfully obvious that President Obama’s experimental law has failed the American people.

Six years into implementation, the Affordable Care Act has proven to counter everything the Obama Administration promised it would be. And –to make matters worse—the Administration continues to do everything in its power to prop up this failed law.

The non-partisan Government Accountability Office recently released its reports on the HHS Office of the Inspector General’s oversight of the Affordable Care Act.

These reports show that enrollees in new state and federal exchanges continue to be concentrated among several insurers. This means less competition. Less competition drives up the cost of healthcare plans.

Additionally, the GAO reports found that marketplace eligibility and enrollment processes remain susceptible to fraud.

These findings only further demonstrate that the reckless implementation and oversight of the Affordable Care Act have resulted in lower quality, increased costs and unreasonable sacrifices in patient care.

Since day one of this law’s implementation, almost every promise the president made has proven false. American families continue to be

dropped from their plans and premiums continue to rise. And the industry as a whole has been obstructed by taxes and overregulation.

I came to Congress because as a physician practicing in North Texas, I believed that Washington failed to understand my patients and my practice. I remain committed to reforming our health care system and implementing patient-centered policies that work to safeguard the doctor-patient relationship.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, keep you strong and healthy and as the song says, God bless you Texas.