

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address January 29, 2014 “State of the Union – A Year of Action”

Hello this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. A year of action: that’s the President’s own description of the year ahead. He says, “I’ve got a phone; I’ve got a pen and I will act.” Well the President’s new found embrace of unilateralism is an admission: He has lost the ability to lead.

Maybe he should do something he hasn’t done over the past five years and lead. Try to build a consensus with Congress. The President blames his policy failures on Congress – but here is the simple truth – the President’s inability to bring parties together is the reason why his policies have failed.

The president’s solution to getting Washington to work is to bypass Congress. But then he highlights, and praises, bipartisan pieces of legislation as an example of when Republicans and Democrats work together. Yet in the same speech he says that if Congress doesn’t adhere to what he wants, he’ll use executive action to circumvent Congress. Mr. President, you are the constitutional scholar, not I, but that is not how our government works.

House Republicans agree we need to have a year of action. That’s why our focus remains steadfast on plans to create jobs and grow the economy to empower *people* - not the government. From the forty jobs bills the House has passed, that are currently stuck in the Senate, to the continued vigorous oversight of the Affordable Care Act; House Republicans will continue to focus on pro-growth policies to enable the American people. Simply put, the House is focused on results.

There is no denying that there are fundamental differences between President Obama and Republicans in Congress. If the president is serious about a year of action, he should join the House Republicans as we work to lower health care costs, improve education, tackle the national debt, and help Americans take home more of their paychecks. With a year of action, we can get Washington out of the way of the American people, whether it’s at the doctor’s office, in the job market, or at the gas pump.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about legislation before the United States Congress, please visit my website, burgess.house.gov. May God bless you and your family, may you have a prosperous year, and as always, may God bless Texas.