

Text of Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Greeting September 9, 2011

“We Can Do Better”

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. For the fifth time since taking office, President Obama came to Capitol Hill and spoke to Congress and the American people. I welcome the president’s participation in this dialogue, but his speech was the same rhetoric that we’ve heard before. For the last two and a half years the Obama administration has pushed a legislative agenda that included a failed stimulus measure, higher taxes, increased regulations, and a government overhaul of the healthcare system.

Regulations do not produce jobs. They eliminate jobs. If the regulations that have been established by the Obama administration move forward we will see an even higher job loss across the country. An estimated minimum of eight power plants will be forced to close in Texas if new energy regulations go into effect. Recently Governor Hailey of South Carolina came to North Texas and talked to us about what her state will lose if the National Labor Relations Board is able to be successful in preventing Boeing to moving to her state. Some of the largest employers in South Carolina will have to close their doors, and across America banks are having to limit their local lending levels which is in fact stifling new business opportunities in the communities. And may I add, community banks were never the problem in the first place.

All of these policies have resulted in higher unemployment in an economy that struggles to recover. You know what, we can do better. Since taking back the majority, the Republican-led House has passed more than a dozen pro-growth bills and addressed the job crisis and would put people back to work. Unfortunately all but one of these measures has been stalled in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

During the August district work period I held several town hall meetings, met with constituents and businesses across my district. The message that I heard over and over is that the out of control spending, the new taxes, and the increased regulations have stalled private sector job creation.

These policies have put America in a position that threatens the very fabric of our Republic. We need to get the government out of the way and allow the job creators to put people back to work. The American people have been waiting for over two years for the delivery of the president’s promises to address the jobs crisis, yet during the president’s address we just heard more of the same without any action. We can do better, and the country deserves better.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For information on this issue and other legislative issues before the Congress please visit my website at burgess.house.gov. God bless you and your family. God bless Texas.