

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 1, 2013

“Government Funding”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. For the first time in seventeen years, America is faced with an appropriations’ lapse. Because of the President’s and the Senate’s lack of initiative to fund the government before the first of October, some of you will feel the effects of that situation. Please know that your Social Security, your Medicare, your veterans’ benefits will continue, and the troops will still receive their paychecks, thanks to legislation that was just passed by the Congress last weekend

The President has stated outright that he will not even talk to Republicans on a spending bill. This is unbelievable. When control of the federal government is divided between two parties, it is irresponsible for one party to refuse to communicate with the other. Now Republicans have made numerous offers to compromise, but the President will not even answer his telephone.

I want you all to know that last night; the United States House of Representatives passed another spending bill that would fund the government until mid-December, it delayed the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate for a year. The bill would have also forced the President, his political appointees, member of Congress, and Congressional staff to enroll in the Affordable Care Act’s exchanges. This piece of legislation was sent over the Senate late last night in hopes that they would pass a bill before today. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to uphold one of its simplest responsibilities- to help keep the government open.

Confronted with uncertainty, no one knows if this will last a few hours, a few days, or even longer. In the meantime, please know that my office will remain available to you. We will be here to answer your phone calls and do everything we can to help you during this uncertain timeframe in our government.

As I find more information regarding the status of government funding, please know that I will do my best to communicate with you and keep you well informed.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website at burgess.house.gov. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.