

# Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address September 20, 2013

## “Defund Obamacare”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week the U.S. House of Representatives passed a continuing resolution for the fiscal year of 2014. In this bill, republicans voted to permanently and fully defund the Affordable Care Act while keeping the government funded and the sequester in place. Now, it is up to the Senate to pass this bill.

A legislative limitation on funding to counter decisions made by the executive branch is an obligation of the House. Congress historically has used the authority provided for them by the separation of powers in the Constitution to place limits on presidential level decisions. The constitution provides the House with the power of the purse. This week that power can be used to restrain activities of the federal branch that are in fact opposed by a majority of the American people.

I am happy to say that as House conservatives, we are trying our best to keep the government funded while fully defunding the Affordable Care Act. We have had a number of victories on this front, and I'm hopeful for more. On seven occasions, bills that originated in the House have repealed or delayed parts of the Affordable Care Act. The President has signed these bills into law.

As you know, I believe that all Americans should have the freedom to make their own health care decisions. As a doctor, I know that our health system needs improvements- but the President's health care law will cost American taxpayers trillions of dollars and in fact makes access to doctors more difficult. It is not going to improve care, and it is not going to make care more affordable.

The so called Affordable Care Act must be eliminated because it simply does not work. That is why I voted to defund the President's health care law.

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](http://burgess.house.gov). May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.