

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 8, 2016
“Compromising the Integrity of the Justice System”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

This week, FBI Director James Comey announced his decision to recommend no criminal charges against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Despite the fact that in the words of Director Comey, Secretary Clinton acted “extremely carelessly” in mishandling classified information, using an unsecured server located in the basement of her house in New York.

It is indisputable that she jeopardized the safety and security of all Americans by her use of private servers to conduct highly classified State Department business.

This decision indicates that there is a double standard for the politically connected figures who are in the favor of the ruling Administration.

What incentive does this provide to anyone to abide by the law?

The failure of the Attorney General to indict Hillary Clinton sets a dangerous precedent of putting politics above national security & American safety—and it calls into question the integrity of our entire judicial system.

While testifying before the House Oversight and Government Reform committee yesterday, Director Comey clarified his judgement arguing that there was no evidence that could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Secretary Clinton **intended** to break the law.

Now here’s a case where the intention does not matter. A crime is committed and a crime is a crime. She committed a criminal act and lied to the American people and the FBI under oath. As Secretary of

State, a position that is fourth in the Presidential line of succession, she was fully aware that she was violating federal law and the State Department procedures.

The House of Representatives plans to take action on Secretary Clinton's recklessness with classified information and restore effective oversight.

I am committed to working with other House Republicans in responding to the FBI's decision and holding Secretary Clinton accountable for her actions.

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