

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 14, 2016 “Delivering President Obama His First Override”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

As many of you know, right before Congress returned home for the district work period, the House and Senate successfully voted to override the President’s veto of the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act.

This legislation allows Americans to seek justice against any foreign government that sponsors an act of terrorism on the soil of the United States. It would remove the legal barriers that those who harm American citizens at home can currently hide behind. This legislation would allow the families of the 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia for their financial sponsorship of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks if it can be proven in court.

It is important to point out that is this limited legislation against the sponsors of terrorism essentially makes two changes to existing federal law to close loopholes that currently allow those who provide material support to terrorist organizations to escape liability.

President Obama’s veto of this important legislation is just another example of his Administration asserting its agenda without Congressional agreement. Yet, this time we were successful in pushing back to defend American justice.

After witnessing the devastation of September 11<sup>th</sup>, it was important to me that the victims of this most deadly terrorist attack in U.S. history and their loved ones get their day in court.

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