

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address March 5, 2015 “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week, in a widely publicized event, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu traveled to Washington to address a joint session of Congress. His main message was of combatting the threat of Iran’s nuclear program. He also addressed points relating to U.S.-Israeli relations and how to keep them as strong as ever.

The controversy surrounding the visit received wide coverage in the press. I for one was supportive of our invitation to him from the start. Israel is our ally, and getting a handle on these important issues is vital for both our two countries and for the rest of the world. This was an ideal way to confront these issues on the world’s stage.

I also feel very strongly about the Obama administration’s position on Iran’s nuclear program. The administration in my view has been weak, which damages and compromises the peace of the entire world. In his State of the Union speech at the beginning of this year, President Obama threatened to veto sanctions against Iran for refusing to end its nuclear program. This is bad strategy. As Prime Minister Netanyahu said in his speech, the threat of Iran and ISIS is a deadly game in which there is no place for America or for Israel, no peace for Christians, Jews or Muslims who don’t share the Islamist medieval creed, no rights for women, and no freedom for anyone. But if we don’t act, he said, ISIS will turn from an organization with butcher knives and YouTube accounts to intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear bombs.

That’s why I, along with members of Congress from both parties, support legislation that would sanction Iran in case these negotiations to end its nuclear program fail. The president’s threat to veto these sanctions is a threat to the safety and peace of America, Israel and our allies.

Israel can see to its own defense, but it does require our support. Failure to do this is not an option.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.