

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address December 11, 2015  
“U.S. Acceptance of Refugees”

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Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

This past week marked the 74th anniversary of the attack on U.S. Naval Station at Pearl Harbor. The day of remembrance signifies the resolve of the American people to dissolve their fear that blanketed the nation on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 and carry out a response—a significant response of American resolve and American victory.

The fear of that day is an eerily familiar feeling to that of which many Americans experience today. The constant threat of attacks on American soil is a very real and constant concern.

The anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor is a reminder that the United States must refuse to let fear paralyze us.

We must refocus our commitment to launching a united and unwavering offense against terrorists and radical extremists.

This week, I signed on as a co-sponsor of The State’s Right of Refugee Refusal Act of 2015. This is the companion legislation to Senator Cruz’s recently introduced refugee bill.

This legislation would place control in the hands of the states.

It would allow governors to opt out of the refugee program if they feel that the federal government failed to provide sufficient assurance that a refugee does not present a security risk.

Last month, Governor Abbott announced that Texas would be halting the admission of any Syrian refugees into the state.

I certainly stand behind Governor Abbott and his efforts to keep Texas safe, where the federal government is failing to take sufficient precautionary measures.

Protecting the American people and ensuring their safety is arguably the greatest responsibility of our federal government.

As always, I appreciate your comments and questions on this issue.

May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.