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“The Empty Stimulus, Three Years Later”

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. This week marks three years since President Obama and the House Democrat leadership forced through their \$787 billion stimulus package. President Obama and his administration told the American people that their plan would put unemployment under eight percent. They said it included infrastructure projects that would create “shovel ready” jobs. That it would jumpstart a green economy. And that it would help reduce poverty.

Here we are three years later. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the \$787 billion stimulus will actually cost Americans \$1.2 trillion after interest. And where has it gotten us?

Unemployment has been above eight percent for thirty-six months. The so-called “shovel ready” jobs did not spur job creation. The jumpstart green economy did not deliver the boost promised. And since President Obama took office, over six million Americans have fallen into poverty.

If President Obama wanted to stimulate the economy, he could have done so by not implementing hundreds of new regulations. He could have moved the government out of the way so that businesses could create jobs. The steps taken by the Obama administration are holding our country back. We have seen the consequences of greater regulation, higher taxes, increased spending, and a growing government that is intruding more and more in our lives. You need to look no further than the president’s Affordable Care Act for this.

The American people want to see job creation and a reduction in Washington spending. In addition, President Obama hasn’t even followed the recommendations of his own Jobs Council.

House Republicans have passed well over twenty bills that focus on job creation. I believe we can do even more. We need to cut our debt. We need to increase domestic energy production of all types. We need to reform and simplify the tax code. And finally, we need to repeal the health care law that will cost the American people trillions of dollars.

Three years and a trillion dollars and we haven’t seen improvement. But America is the greatest county in the world and I know we will overcome the economic and unemployment challenges we are now facing.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For information on this issue and other legislative issues before the Congress please visit my website at burgess.house.gov. God bless you and your family. Thanks for listening. As always, God bless Texas.