

# Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address February 24, 2012

## “We Need A Budget That Counts, Not Overspends”

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Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. President Obama recently proposed a federal budget with record levels of taxes and trillion-dollar spending. After days of review, it still adds up to fewer jobs, fewer opportunities, and a much bigger government.

We need to grow our economy – with practical energy resources, fewer burdensome regulations, and a simpler, flatter, fairer tax code. Instead, the president will spend to build a massive bureaucracy for his health care law – while small businesses find it harder to grow their companies and hire more workers.

House Republicans have passed more than 20 jobs bills – critical reforms necessary to move Americans from an unemployment check to a paycheck. However, the Senate continues to refuse to vote on any of this legislation. The Senate has also failed to act responsibly to set a federal budget now for 4 years and running.

I continue to work for a federal budget that rewards merit instead of punishing success. House Republicans are committed to a budget with positive results – helping people by encouraging the best of what our American system offers.

Even with the president’s nearly two trillion dollar tax increase proposal, the Obama budget never balances. It’s a record-level deficit for the fourth year in a row. In Washington, these astounding trillion-dollar figures are treated almost like a fiscal footnote instead of the real threat that they are to our economic well-being.

Every American’s share of the debt is now more than 48 thousand dollars each for every man, woman, and child in this country. I am disappointed because the president is not making at least some movement to reduce the yearly deficit and the total debt. An across the board 7 percent cut in federal spending would at least have been a start.

A large and worrying part of the president’s budget was his silence on the unrealistic growth of entitlement programs. Just last year, the president correctly stated that without reform, entitlement programs would consume just about every aspect of our federal budget. These programs provide critical income and services to seniors and those with disabilities, and they deserve Presidential leadership.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other legislative issues before the Congress please visit my website, [burgess.house.gov](http://burgess.house.gov). God bless you and your family. And as always, may God bless Texas.