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“The EPA Can’t Get Its Hands on Enough Money”

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. Last month, President Obama released his fiscal year 2013 budget. Now, this budget spends too much money: 47 trillion dollars of government spending over the next decade. This budget also taxes too much: Almost two trillion dollars in new taxes over the same time period. And the President’s budget borrows too much: Four straight years of trillion-dollar-plus deficits with no plan to reduce the debt.

Never was this more evident than during this week’s Energy and Commerce hearing with the Environmental Protection Agency’s Administrator Lisa Jackson on the EPA’s fiscal year 2013 budget. The EPA’s budget request cuts only 100 million dollars from previous years, yet requests more than 100 million dollars for new climate change initiatives. Besides the fact, there’s a plethora of other special-interest programs including hundreds of thousands of dollars sent overseas to countries like China and Brazil. How’s that? We borrow money from China to send to China – for EPA projects.

Moreover, the EPA has almost 60 million dollars in leftover money from fiscal year 2012 budget for – climate change initiatives. During a time when so many Americans are struggling and barely making ends meet, why is the EPA asking for even more money?

Further, and more egregiously, the Environmental Protection Agency has over 15 billion dollars in unexpended balances from fiscal year 2012 – that it did not include in its fiscal year 2013 budget. Only after an extensive Oversight hearing last October was this fact brought to light.

The EPA can’t get its hands on enough money, yet President Obama is proposing massive cuts and increases in fees to things like health care for our nation’s men and women in uniform. His priorities are clear – they are just the wrong ones.

America deserves better. Our children and grandchildren deserve better. We need to focus on reducing our debt, not building it up. Doing so will put America back on a road to prosperity.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other legislative issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website, burgess.house.gov. May God bless you and your family. And as always, may God bless Texas.