

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address April 20, 2012

“What Works for the Job Providers”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. A few days ago, the job providers came calling on the nation’s Capitol. I’m referring to the companies from North Texas who are among the members of the Chambers of Commerce from Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth and surrounding cities.

These job-generating companies work at being productive and profitable – to meet their payroll. Providing jobs works to contribute to the local economy. But what “works” for the job providers?

In a struggling economy, pulling back from costly regulations and taxes would work to free up business resources. Nearly half of small-business owners blame the potential health care costs and government regulations for not being able to afford the hiring and payroll for new workers.

Republicans passed the Small Business Tax Cut – specifically designed to benefit small business employers – and directly tied to the amount of wages paid to their employees. Some businesses would then hire workers – others would increase wages, or perhaps invest in new capital equipment.

Well, what else works? How about pulling back from over-regulation? We need something like the REINS Act: that’s an up or down vote before a federal agency makes a new rule that has a price tag of over \$100 million. I voted for this legislation when it passed in December, now it awaits activity in the Senate.

Making the billionaire boss pay the same rate as his personal secretary may be attractive as a concept, but it just nibbles around the edges on tax policy. We must have a new tax system with the burden fair and equitable, the lowest possible rate, and simple to calculate. The job providers will tell you – yes, that *will* work.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. Please visit my website, burgess.house.gov, to learn more. May God bless you and your family. And as always, may God bless Our Texas.