

Text of Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Greeting July 8, 2011

“Putting America’s Fiscal Future Back on Track”

Hello. This is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

The past few weeks the House has been voting on legislation that will determine the level of funding for the federal government for the 2012 fiscal year. Members of Congress were elected to bring fiscal sanity to Washington. The diminutive level of cuts, in many cases only two to three percent, included in these appropriations is simply not enough. These cuts are coming from the 2009 levels of funding levels artificially inflated by the stimulus bill. We should have cut from the 2006 levels.

Our biggest problem right now – Congress is writing post-dated checks on an overdrawn account. I am not prepared to allow America to continue on this path of fiscal destruction. This is why I have not voted in favor of all of the appropriations bills over the past few weeks.

There are areas where it is our responsibility to take care of those who have and continue to fight for our freedom. Funding for our military and for this country’s obligations to our veterans is a commitment which must be kept - and these are the two areas where I voted to approve the fiscal year 2012 proposed funding levels in the appropriations process.

The debt ceiling is dead ahead. It is imperative that we remain fiscally responsible and this includes deciding what level of funding we need to have in order to move forward in a manner that will help get America’s fiscal crisis under control - and a level that will help us dig out of the financial chasm we are currently in today. This means starting at the 2006 levels.

For more information on this issue and other legislative issues before Congress please visit my website at burgess-dot-house-dot-gov. Thank you for taking the time to listen. God bless you and your family, and most of all God bless Texas!