

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 13, 2012
“Repealing the Affordable Care Act”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. You know, I believe that all Americans should have the freedom to make their own health care decisions. In March of 2010, President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law. But the legislation was carelessly drafted behind closed doors. It included secret deals, loopholes, drafting errors, and allowed federal agencies to be created without Congressional knowledge or oversight.

The bottom line, this was not meaningful reform. There is no way that this law will improve care or reduce costs. Not only does it not save money – it’s going to cost you plenty. Just last month, the Supreme Court ruled that the law is a tax. This is after the president continually told the American people that it was not a tax.

As a doctor, as a patient, as a husband, as a father, as a grandfather, I know that our health system needs reform and improvements - but the president’s health care law will cost American taxpayers trillions of dollars, it’s not going to improve care, nor will it make care more affordable.

The first step is eliminating this bad legislation that simply does not work. That’s why I voted to repeal the president’s health care law.

Instead, we need a series of reforms solving specific problems which include inequities in the tax code. How about the ability to purchase insurance across state lines to increase competition. Some medical liability reform would be nice. Reinsurance and risk pools for pre-existing conditions. All of these focused on maintaining a patient centered approach to health care and representing the meaningful type of reform that people have been seeking.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this 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.