

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address July 20, 2012
“Improving the Regulatory Process”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. Since moving into the White House almost four years ago, the president has created more regulations and more red tape. This has put America into record unemployment and given us record spending levels.

It's time that accountability is restored to the regulatory process. Next week, the House of Representatives will vote on the REINS Act. This legislation will ensure Congressional accountability for the regulations that have the greatest impact on our economy. It requires Congress to take an up-or-down, stand-alone vote, and for the president to sign-off on all new major rules before they can be enforced. After all, these regulations have a profound impact on the American people, on job creation, and state and local governments.

No one is saying that we do not need regulations, but what needs to happen is that when a federal agency proposes a rule or regulation that will impact millions of Americans and spend billions of taxpayer dollars, it should be reviewed. It should be reviewed by Congress. The REINS Act would prevent administrations, Republican or Democrat, from bypassing Congress to implement political agendas through rule making and regulation. This legislation is about improving the regulatory process and ensuring accountability that should not be denied.

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.