

## Text of Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Greeting September 16, 2011 “President Obama’s Jobs Proposal”

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Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. This week, President Obama submitted his jobs bill proposal to the Congress. Now, I am encouraged that the president is finally making jobs his top priority, and I welcome the discussion between the president and the Congress on how we can put Americans back to work. I am disappointed that the president’s jobs bill is more of the same rhetoric and failed policies that we’ve seen from this administration before.

I agree that reducing the tax burden for business and individuals, incentivizing hiring, and properly investing in our nation’s infrastructure are all worthy goals when done correctly. The jobs proposal President Obama brought to Congress this week presents us the same ideas that he proposed in his first stimulus package that was passed in 2009. The president promised that his first stimulus plan would increase consumption and stimulate growth of the economy - on top of keeping the unemployment below eight percent. However, it failed to restart our economy and unemployment has remained at or around nine percent for the past 31 months.

It is apparent that our country’s spending problems contribute to our economic troubles. Now I voted against President Obama’s first stimulus package. I also voted against President Bush’s stimulus proposal. This out of control spending has placed our nation in a position where our government is even deeper in debt. But, the solution is simple. We need a government that is more efficient, less expensive, and more responsive. A more practical and immediate approach would be for the Obama administration to oppose the burdensome federal regulations that have stifled individuals and small businesses. In addition, I encourage the Senate and the president to review the pro-growth bills that the House has passed this year. We’ve passed over a dozen legislative bills that have addressed the job crisis and would put people back to work, but the Senate has failed to act..

And what is the president’s jobs bill, well, honestly it’s another stimulus package. Look, President Obama’s \$787 billion stimulus was not successful. And how can we believe that a \$447 billion stimulus bill will in fact work? Not only will it not work, it will make things even worse. Unfortunately the president has presented a plan to the American public with more of the same failed policies.

As your congressman, I am committed to working with all the Members of Congress and with the administration to promote a pro-growth, pro-job creation agenda that will help put people back to work, cut the national debt, and get the economy growing again.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For information on this issue and other legislative issues before the Congress please visit my website at [burgess.house.gov](http://burgess.house.gov). God bless you and your family. God bless Texas.