

## Weekly Address – Kicking the Can Down the Road

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

This week, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the government for the next four weeks.

A Continuing Resolution simply keeps the government open, but at last year's funding level. This means we are able to avoid a government shutdown for a period of time; but it hurts our agencies and departments because they cannot plan for the future. Plus, there is no way for the government to efficiently contract with suppliers. Authorizing appropriations is a power vested in Congress. We must not delay our responsibility to budget and provide funding for the federal government.

Instead of taking the time to focus on what Americans need, Congress, as you know, is prioritizing non-legislative activities. Congress has allowed itself to be held hostage by partisan games to gain political leverage.

Congress needs to get back to the business of legislating we can pass the U.S. Mexico Canada Trade Agreement, we can provide resources to address the humanitarian and security crisis on our southern border, or we could address our growing national deficit.

Instead of being distracted by political games, Congress needs to refocus on its main function and provide for the American people.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue.

May God bless you and your family. May God bless our veterans, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.