

# Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address September 13, 2013

## “Response to Syrian Crisis”

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Hello, this is your congressman, Michael Burgess. This past Wednesday, we remembered the thousands of Americans we lost because of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Americans have proven time and again our willingness to defend our freedom when it is threatened. We have not lost our resolve against dangerous enemies, foreign or domestic.

But, recently, President Obama has put the United States in a no win situation regarding the civil war in Syria. Let’s face it, right now, American foreign policy looks weak.

Initially, the President called for a military strike on Syria. Facing a public backlash, he yielded to requesting Congressional approval. After the vote count in Congress was not going his way, the President became interested in Russia’s offer—to take chemical weapons out of Syria and put them under international control.

But can we trust the countries enacting this plan? If sincere, we should have a firm strategy that specifically outlines how the United States will be involved. But if this proposal never materializes, I certainly cannot support military action when it appears the President has no plan.

As of now, there is no outlined measure for success regarding our involvement in Syria, and no clearly stated need for American interest involving our troops in another country’s civil war. The President himself has explicitly stated that “no military solution” exists. Both sides of the Syrian war have committed atrocities and have hurt innocent people. There is no side in that struggle I could enthusiastically support. If a vote occurs, I will vote no on intervention and urge others to do the same.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website at [burgess.house.gov](http://burgess.house.gov). May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.