

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address February 19, 2016
“Stopping the Surge: An American Crisis”

Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

I recently made a visit to the U.S.- Mexico border in McAllen, Texas. I have done this several times in the past. While there I was briefed by the U.S. border patrol on the surge of unaccompanied minors into the country.

And just as in years before, the crisis at the border is only getting worse.

The flood of unauthorized immigrants on the Southern border has proven to be a mounting American crisis, greatly impacting Texas families. I have heard from many of you on this issue. I want you to know I share the same concerns.

Unauthorized immigrants are putting a strain on our system. They are crowding our schools and hospitals and draining the resources provided by the American taxpayer.

We can effectively control our borders. It certainly can be done. It does require the will to solve the problem. And that will is exactly what the Obama Administration lacks.

President Obama missed an opportunity when he refused to come to the border while in Texas in July 2014. And two years later not much has changed. President Obama continues to ignore the reality of the crisis at our Southern border.

The truth is—you simply cannot grasp the magnitude of the problem in the lower Rio Grande valley sector unless you can see it for yourself. It

is impossible to understand the characteristics that are ever changing in the region and why it is so difficult to manage. This is why I make regular visits to the border—to acquaint myself with the challenges at hand.

President Obama's immigration policies suggest that anyone is welcome across the United States border and volunteers the American tax dollar to support them upon arrival.

President Obama must halt his careless immigration policy before we reach a dangerous point from which we cannot recovery.

My vow to you is to continue prioritize this issue and remain committed to protecting and strengthening our borders. I want to put the safety of American citizens above all else.

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

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