

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address  
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“President Obama’s Dangerous Iran Negotiations”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. As you have probably seen on the news this week, President Obama’s ongoing negotiations with leaders of the Iranian government have been cause for deep concern here in Washington – and across the nation. At the heart of the issue, is a potential deal that would allow the continued enrichment of uranium by the Iranian military for as long as 20 years.

The Obama Administration just doesn’t get it; we are facing an immoral and dangerous regime in Iran. This regime has almost no regard for human rights; they have a decades-long obsession with destroying our Israeli allies; and worse yet, they are closer than ever to building a nuclear weapon.

Obama’s record of weakness has already greatly compromised the peace of the entire world. Already, the administration has threatened to veto new sanctions against Iran’s nuclear program. And now, they are considering allowing Iran to continue enriching uranium. This strategy is naïve, reckless, and dangerous to our national security and that of our allies.

In regard to our Israeli allies, however, I am very optimistic about Prime Minister Netanyahu’s reelection and what it shows about our democratic friends in the Middle East. They fully understand the threats they face.

Netanyahu’s dedication to serving his people is truly admirable, and has a clear sense of duty to protect his nation. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Prime Minister Netanyahu, and hope that we here at home can learn from his leadership.

As he said in his recent speech to Congress, the threat of Iran and ISIS is a deadly game in which there is no place for America or for Israel. For years Iran’s leaders – including their current ones – have publicly admitted that they aim to build it a nuclear weapon, and would use it to destroy the Israeli state.

Any policy that would allow them to get one step closer to their goal is absolutely unacceptable.

Iran's nuclear program isn't just a threat to Republicans or Democrats. It is a threat to Americans – and anyone who respects our most cherished values of freedom and democracy.

That's why I – along with members of Congress from both parties – not only support legislation that would sanction Iran for continuing down this dangerous path, but will continue to oppose the ever-increasing weakness of President Obama's foreign policy in the Middle East. A nuclear Tehran simply cannot be allowed to exist. As your Representative in Congress, I will continue fighting to ensure that it does not.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.