

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 7, 2016 “Obama’s ‘Crazy System’”

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Reports of the Affordable Care Act failures have become such a common occurrence— and you know what, this week was no different. This time a disparaging assessment of the failing law came straight from the source, former President Bill Clinton.

In his remarks, he captured precisely one of the most detrimental problems with the Affordable Care Act— that the law is hurting the very people it was intended to help. Former President Clinton pointed out that this was a “crazy system” and is “killing small businesses” and that hard-working Americans are “winding up with their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half.”

And I have to say that I agree with him.

Bill Clinton’s painfully accurate comments come on the heels of reports that the Obama Administration has been making illegal payments to insurers. It turns out that the Department of Health and Human Services has been illegally refusing to give over 2 billion dollars collected under Obamacare— that actually belong to the United States taxpayer—back to the Treasury as the law instructs. A law that let me remind you, the Administration crafted almost by itself.

The Obama Administration is wasting billions of dollars propping up the failing insurance market. Insurers are fleeing the markets, and as a result, premiums are increasing and the number of plan choices for consumers are dwindling.

There is no question that strengthening our health care system for all Americans must be a top priority for the next Administration. And the future of health care actually does depend on what happens in November.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family and as the song says, God bless you Texas.