

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address February 3, 2017 “Your Right to Be Heard”

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Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Over the last few weeks, Americans have gathered in Washington to celebrate the inauguration of President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, to participate in the Women’s March, and to serve as the voice for the unborn in the March for Life.

Our nation’s history has been shaped by its citizen’s right to be heard.

All voices are important and deserve consideration. While we will never all agree on everything, it is critical that we respect each other’s voice and our right to exercise the privilege of free speech.

As President Trump noted on Twitter, peaceful protests are a cornerstone of our republic. “Even if I don't always agree, I recognize the rights of people to express their views.”

While the country appears split on entirely different ends of the spectrum of ideas, our task is to find common ground under President Trump. Our country has seen polarizing times before. But it has also found unity.

This has been part of the fabric of our nation since its inception. So long in fact that our nation’s motto is *e pluribus unum*, meaning “*Out of many, one.*” Its meaning has come to suggest that out of many people, a single, unified nation has emerged.

In times of dissension, it is easy to forget the many battles that our nation is fighting together, as one and those on the frontlines of battle.

I am optimistic about the new chapter on which our country is about to embark. There is a great deal of work to be accomplished in the first days of President Trump's Administration. And I look forward to working to deliver on our promise to the American people to make America strong, safe, proud and great again.

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.