

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address December 18, 2015
“Terrorist Watchlist & No Fly List”

Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

The responsibility of the United States Congress is to ensure the safety of Americans and to protect their Constitutional rights.

Some say the way to accomplish this is to deny 2nd amendment rights to those on the “No Fly List.”

Our security and constitutional rights cannot be mutually exclusive.

The data included on the terrorist watchlist and “No Fly List” are full of inaccurate entries. Children, U.S. Air Marshals, and Members of Congress have been placed on the No Fly list in error.

U.S. citizens are not notified as to why they have been added to the list or how to go about being removed. There is no due process for those whose names are included on the lists.

Automatically denying U.S. citizens their constitutional rights based on inclusion on a faulty list is wrong.

Our founding fathers prioritized our right to due process, a legal requirement that the state must respect all legal rights that are owed to an American citizen.

President Obama’s call for an abandonment of due process is the result of his failure to execute a comprehensive strategy to combat radical Islamic terrorism.

As the world becomes more complex and our enemies more radical, Americans' security and rights are best protected when we defeat terrorist threats abroad before they threaten us at home.

The only clear component of President Obama's strategy in combating radical extremist groups is that he plans to wage war on the constitutional rights of American citizens.

There is nothing more we can do to empower terrorists than to take away Americans' right to bear arms.

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

May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.