

Dr. Burgess Weekly Address October 13, 2017 Update on Hurricane Relief

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

From southeast Texas to Louisiana and Florida to Puerto Rico, recent hurricanes have had a devastating effect on our nation. Yesterday, the House voted to provide additional relief to victims of these hurricanes.

This emergency disaster funding bill specifically will help victims of Hurricane Harvey in southeast Texas by providing \$11 billion to pay pending claims for flood insurance and an estimated \$4 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund to provide assistance for key services like debris removal and utility work.

The Texas Delegation in Congress is committed to working with Governor Abbott and community leaders in Texas to ensure our neighbors in southeast Texas receive the help they need to recover from Hurricane Harvey.

The emergency disaster bill also includes funding for victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Florida and Puerto Rico. This past Monday, I visited Puerto Rico to see firsthand how the island's medical infrastructure is recovering from the destruction caused by these storms. I toured hospitals that sustained damage and I met with key health officials to listen to their concerns for Puerto Rico's medical system.

As chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, I am committed to ensuring that the subcommittee does its job in helping our fellow Americans recover from these hurricanes. The areas affected by these storms have a long road ahead, but Congress is working to provide disaster relief and help affected areas get on the right track toward recovery.

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