

Dr. Burgess Weekly Address September 29, 2017 Tax Reform

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

This week, Vice President Pence told me that we have an extraordinary opportunity to make history. Before the end of this year, we can fix our broken tax code and help create more jobs, fairer taxes, and bigger paychecks.

It will be a big lift, and because of that, it hasn't been done for thirty-one years. Looking back, 1986 was a different time. Ronald Reagan was president, *Top Gun* was leading at the box office, and most of our phones had cords. It was also the last time Congress passed a major overhaul of America's tax code.

This fall, Congress is working to bring about a much-needed update to our tax code. These pro-growth reforms will make the tax code affordable, simple, and competitive for hardworking American families. I hear from North Texans every day who tell me they want to see better jobs and fairer taxes in our community. President Trump has said that tax reform will create jobs in America, keep jobs in America, and give American workers back their competitive edge.

Our current tax code imposes the highest corporate tax rate in the industrialized world on American job creators. Quite simply, this outdated tax code is hindering American businesses and damaging their potential to succeed and spur innovation.

Tax reform will focus on working families. It will also put our country on the path to long term economic stability. President Trump and House Republicans are working on a tax reform plan that will grow jobs and wages nationwide, simplify

the tax code for all Americans, help middle-class families here in North Texas, and bring business and jobs back to the United States.

Here's the bottom line: *Tax reform will be pro-growth, pro-jobs, pro-workers, and pro-American.* It's time to invest in our country, to rebuild our communities, and to hire American workers. We cannot afford to wait another thirty-one years to provide relief for American families. As tax reform progresses in the House, I will make sure to update you on our work to help North Texans and all Americans across the country.

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.