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“Rising Health Costs”

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. As you know the implementation of the Affordable Care Act is quickly approaching. Unfortunately the closer we get to the start of this law the worse the news gets.

When the President was selling the law to the American people he claimed the bill would lower the health care cost for all Americans. It's become clear that's in fact not true at all; it's causing healthcare premiums to drastically increase across the country. Last week the Ohio Department of Insurance announced that the price of insurance in Ohio will go up almost 200 dollars a month because of the Affordable Care Act, this on the heels of a study showing the California insurance costs quadrupling because of this law. These aren't two isolated cases were seeing substantial increases in the cost of health insurance across the country.

It's clear that with rates like these the American people can't afford the administration's health program. These insurance hikes are going to effect the people who, the people who are already struggling in tough times. Instead of helping people the administration is going to make it tougher for American families to make ends meet all the while lowering the quality of their health care.

What's most discouraging is the administration's plans to fine people who don't buy health insurance, health insurance they don't have because the administrations made it incredibly expensive. The situation has become so troublesome that some strong supporters of the law are now unsure about its effectiveness. A senior democrat who helped to write the Affordable Care Act worried in the committee that the bill is now a train wreck.

It's time that the administration admits its mistake and starts working with Congress to fix this terrible legislation rather than embarking on a permanent campaign to try to sell it. Let's give the American people what they want, good health insurance at low cost. Raising the cost of already expensive insurance is only going to hurt hard working tax payers. Instead of another political campaign let's fix this.

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