

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address November 16, 2012
“The Administration Continues to Block Information on Benghazi”

Hello. This is your congressman, Michael Burgess. On September 11th of this year, radical Islamists attacked the United States Consulate in Benghazi, Libya. As a result, four Americans, including the United States Ambassador, were killed. That same day, the United States Embassy in Cairo was assaulted by a mob of extremists.

Two weeks later, on September 25th, I sent a letter to the White House regarding the inconsistencies in what President Obama and his administration officials were saying following the attacks. I have yet to hear back. At this time, I doubt I will ever get a response from the president.

On November 1st, on my instructions, my office emailed the State Department requesting that someone be available to speak with me so I could get additional information about the attacks. We continued to email every business day. When the State Department finally did reply on November 7th, their message was completely unacceptable.

In a scripted response, the State Department refused my request for someone to speak with me about the events in Benghazi. No one, not one person, is willing to talk over the phone or in person about the details even basic details about the events that resulted in four American lives being lost.

With every other major issue, North Korea, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, someone from the State Department either a legislative affairs representative or a bureau chief has had a phone discussion with me, and usually within one day of my requesting the call.

So not only is the administration not cooperating, they are sending scripted responses; and can't even detail why or when they will provide this information. This is unacceptable and it's a disgrace to finding out what happened that led to the loss of four American lives.

Why did our ambassador and three other Americans die? How did our ambassador and three other Americans die? It's been two months; there should be some clear answers. The state department needs to be forthcoming. The administration needs to be forthcoming. The lack of a response is unacceptable and actually dishonors the loss of four American lives.

I thank you for taking the time to listen. For more information about this issue and other issues before the United States Congress, please visit my website at

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