

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address December 21, 2012

“Benghazi: The “Lack of Ownership””

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. It's been three months since the attack on the Benghazi consulate that claimed four American lives, including the life of Ambassador Stevens. Since the attack I have pressed the State Department and the Obama administration for answers. Earlier this week, they finally provided some limited information on what happened.

An independent panel concluded that there was “grossly inadequate” security at the compound. The report also concluded that the State Department displayed a “lack of proactive leadership” and that there was a “lack of ownership of Benghazi’s security issues.” As a result, four lower level State Department officials have been relieved of their duties.

The State Department has released an unclassified version of the report, which is available on my website, burgess.house.gov. Members of Congress received a classified briefing this week and what I can tell you is that the report solidifies that the State Department had inadequate information, and there were issues sharing the information within different areas of the department.

The Senate held a hearing this week on the report. Due to health reasons Secretary Clinton was not able to attend. While we have been provided some answers, I believe there is additional information that needs to be provided; and I hope that the secretary’s health improves and she appear before Congress to give her account of what transpired. She has expressed a willingness to appear, and I look forward to hearing from her.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. God bless you and your family. And as always, may God bless Texas.