

**Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**



**2020 Annual Year  
End Report**

**Serving the 26th District of Texas**

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# Snapshot of 2020

- Republican Leader on the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Health
- Member of the House Rules Committee
- Participated in more than 29 hearings and markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Participated in more than 22 meetings in the Rules Committee
- Cast 241 votes, a 95.2% vote attendance record
- Authored and introduced 25 pieces of legislation
- Cosponsored 85 pieces of legislation
- Authored and introduced 5 pieces of legislation that became law in 2020
- Resolved more than 600 cases with federal agencies on behalf of constituents
- Received and responded to more than 76,000 pieces of correspondence
- Signed more than 106 letters on issues ranging from health care to energy to national security
- Assisted in having more than 50 American flags flown over the U.S. Capitol
- Honored 24 outstanding student constituents entering the U.S. Service Academies
- Participated in 62 radio interviews and 80 television interviews
- Issued more than 159 press releases and 137 e-newsletters
- Wrote 13 op-eds and mentioned over 640 times in print publications

# About Me

In 2002, I was elected to serve the constituents of the 26th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives. Before coming to Congress, I practiced medicine in North Texas for nearly three decades.

I currently serve on the powerful Rules Committee and the esteemed House Energy and Commerce Committee. In the 116th Congress, I assumed the role of Republican Leader of the Subcommittee on Health and continued to serve on the Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigation and Consumer Protection and Commerce.

In 2009, I founded the Congressional Health Caucus to promote market principles in delivery of health care. Because of my medical background, I have been a strong advocate for health care legislation aimed at reducing health care costs, improving choices, reforming liability laws to put the needs of patients first, and ensuring there are enough doctors in the public and private sector to care for America's patients and veterans. I also have played an important role in bipartisan efforts to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and consumer products, and have introduced legislation to strengthen our ability to stop dangerous goods and products from coming into this country. I continue to focus on the cost and complexity of health care and ensuring that patients have more rather than fewer choices.

The 26th District of Texas is one of the fastest growing areas of the country, which makes transportation also a top priority. I have worked to build, maintain, and improve the safety of our roads, bridges, air service, and transit in the North Texas region.

I believe Americans deserve a federal government that is more efficient, more effective, less costly, and always transparent. I am a proponent of a flat tax and have introduced a flat tax bill, H.R. 1040, every term I have served in Congress. I follow a strict adherence to the Constitution and oppose unnecessary expansion of the federal government's control over the personal freedoms of Americans. Instead, I believe in giving people more control over their lives and their money. I am committed to reducing undocumented immigration into our country and have taken action to ensure our borders are secure and our immigration laws are enforced. I strongly oppose any proposal to grant amnesty to undocumented immigrants.

During my time on Capitol Hill, I have earned a reputation as a problem-solver who seeks sensible solutions to the challenges Americans face and have received several awards including: the Guardian of Small Business award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); the Spirit of Enterprise award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and the Taxpayer Hero award from the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste; among others.

Today, I represent the majority of Denton County and parts of Tarrant County. I was raised in Denton and attended The Selwyn School, graduating in 1968 as valedictorian. In addition, I graduated with both an undergraduate and a master's degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas.

I earned my M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed my residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. I also earned a master's degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May 2009, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center.

My wife, Laura, and I have been married for 46 years. We have three children and two grandchildren, and have been rescued by two horses and three dogs.





# Serving the District

# Snapshot of Constituent Services

- Opened 476 cases and Resolved 601 cases
- Top agencies for 2020:
  - Internal Revenue Service
  - Veteran's Affairs
  - Social Security Administration
  - Passport Agency
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Assisted 1,434 constituents with various non-legislative issues.
- During COVID-19 my office has:
  - Assisted 240 households with the Economic Impact Payment benefit.
  - Assisted 31 small businesses with the Economic Impact Disaster Loan totaling \$3,152,700.00.
  - Assisted 55 small businesses with the Payroll Protection Program totaling \$19,253,965.00.
  - Assisted 42 small businesses who utilized both the PPP and EIDL programs.
  - Assisted 60 households with obtaining their US Passports.
- To date, my office has worked 9,647 Congressional Inquiries. The overall top federal agencies are Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, and the Passport Agency.

This year's annual High School Art Competition had participating students from Aubrey High School, Flower Mound High School, Founders Classical Academy (Lewisville), Hebron High School, Keller High School, Lake Dallas High School, Legacy Christian Academy (Frisco), Lewisville High School-Harmon 9th Grade, Little Elm High School, Marcus High School (Flower Mound), Prosper High School, Ryan High School (Denton), Sanger High School, Steve Ko Art Studio (Lewisville), The Colony High School, Timber Creek High School (Fort Worth) and Westlake Academy.



**Texas Choice:** Japanese Pictures by Christiana Durkee-Fairley



**First Prize Winner:** Lynden Clark



**2020 Art Competition Grand Prize Winner:** Amanda Choi

The Congressional App Challenge is specifically designed to promote innovation and engagement in computer science and open to all middle and high school students residing or attending school in the 26th Congressional District. In this nationwide contest, students compete by creating an app for a desktop/PC, web, tablet, mobile, raspberry Pi, or other devices.

The 2020 winning team, John Li, Jerry Liu, Nathaniel Brown and Zach Tang, was inspired to create "TAMSHub", a centralized online platform to connect the student body. Their winning entry will be displayed electronically in the U.S. Capitol building next year, along with other winning entries from participating congressional districts across the country.



On August 19th, I hosted a live "Energy Conversation" with U.S. Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette over Zoom. This fireside-style chat was followed on October 9th by a virtual "Conversation on Environmental Protection" with EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. We discussed the successes of the Environmental Protection Agency in safeguarding the environment, the importance of reducing federal burdens on Americans, and how the agency is working to address COVID-19. These online events were viewed by national and North Texas businesses and government leaders.



The Congressional Veteran Commendation was created to honor the distinguished veterans of Texas' 26th Congressional District. Veterans who are nominated must be currently residing in the 26th District of Texas and have served our nation with honor consistent with the finest traditions of military service. The nominated veterans must also have served their community. A Review Board comprised of past commendation recipients: Tom Blagg, Charles Hamm and Suzanne Hechinger peer-reviewed the nominations. Five individuals were named to receive the 26th Congressional District Veteran Commendation for 2020.

- Paul Bastaich (Senior Master Sergeant - US Air Force), Oak Point
- Richard Cook (Lieutenant - US Navy), Double Oak
- Jacob Schick (Corporal - US Marine Corps), Frisco
- Dennis Sheridan (Captain - US Army), Trophy Club
- Danny Weakley (Master Sergeant - US Army), Little Elm



Due to COVID-19 my annual North Texas Academies Forum was a "Virtual Academy Day" on my website. This informational forum provided interested students in grades 8-12 the opportunity to learn more about our nation's service academies, requirements for admissions, and the selection process.

It is a privilege to nominate outstanding young people from the District to be considered for appointment to one of our nation's service academies. During a "virtual" Academy Appointees Reception on June 5th, I honored those young people who accepted appointments to enter the service academies in summer 2020. The Zoom reception was attended by the appointees, their families, and members of the 26th Congressional District Academy Board. These students reside in the 26th Congressional District and received a nomination from Congressman Burgess, Senator Cornyn, Senator Cruz, Vice President Pence or a military connected nomination.



**U.S. Military Academy:**

- Grace Kim (Frisco)
- Drake Kimball (Trophy Club)
- Ivan Leek (Denton)
- Jack McKenna (Frisco)
- Krystal Pichardo (Denton)
- Emma Taylor (Keller)
- Thomas Woodberry (Keller)

**U.S. Air Force Academy (cont.):**

- Bailey Lewis (Lewisville)
- Christopher Lindley (Keller)
- Seth Meador (Corinth)
- Hector Natividad (Denton)
- Grace Nelson (Frisco)
- Dennis Njoroge (Denton)
- Maximilian Safranek (Denton)

**U.S. Naval Academy :**

- Ian Ellis (North Richland Hills)
- William Harbour (Frisco)
- Tymothy Martin (Frisco)

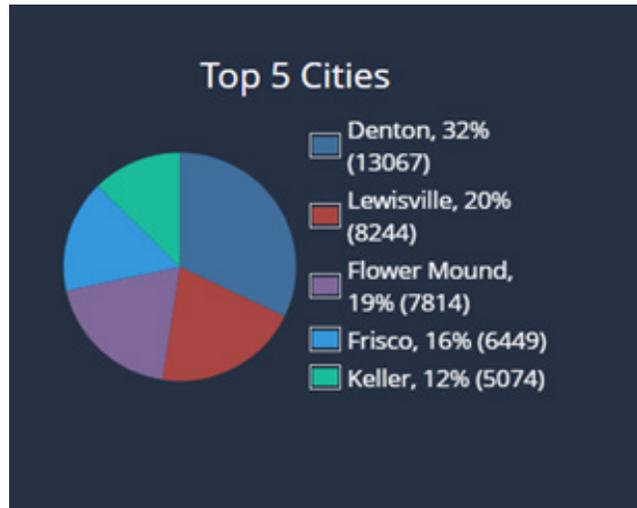
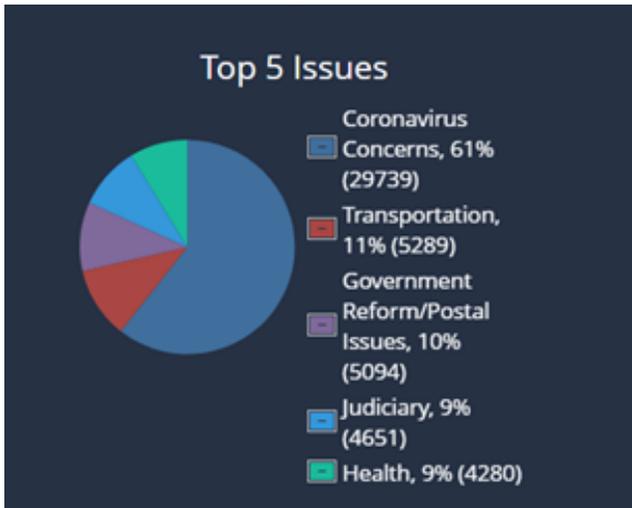
**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:**

- Carson Backus (Frisco)
- David Blair (Corinth)
- Gavin Green (Flower Mound)
- Preston Hass (Frisco)

**U.S. Air Force Academy:**

- Kinzie Etzelmler (Keller)
- Lucas Jones (Frisco)
- Kaitlin Koralewski (Denton)

This year, **more than 76,000 constituents** contacted me through email, letters, phone calls, and faxes to express their concerns and communicate their opinions on various topics. Coronavirus was the most common topic of communication with **more than 29,700 pieces of correspondence received**. That issue was followed by concerns over Transportation, including the Payroll Support Program for the airlines, with **more than 5,200 pieces of correspondence**, and government reform and postal issues, with **more than 5,000 pieces of correspondence**.



**Flags:**

In addition, my office assisted in having more than 50 American flags flown over the U.S. Capitol.

**Internships:**

In my district office, we were able to have two students intern remotely and in-person. These students came from Texas A&M University and Princeton University.

My D.C office was able to accomendate six college interns. These students came from the University of North Texas, Texas Tech University, Baylor University and Oklahoma State University.

**Tours:**

While tours in our Nation’s Capital were significantly reduced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were still over 300 residents of the 26th District who let my D.C. office know they were visiting Washington, D.C. Over 60 families and groups received a tour of the U.S. Capitol and 40 families received a White House tour.





# Snapshot of Press & Communications

- 80 Television Interviews
  - 3 CNN
  - 3 CSPAN
  - 25 Fox News
  - 20 Fox Business News
  - 17 Newsmax
  - 1 PBS Frontline Documentary
  - 11 Local
- 62 Radio Interviews
- 159 Press Releases
- 137 E-newsletters
- 11 Blog Posts
- 13 Op-eds
- 110 Youtube Videos
- 1,725 Twitter Posts
  - 15 % increase in followers
- 635 Facebook Posts
  - 15 % increase in followers
- 82 Instagram Posts
  - 140 % increase in followers
- Over 640 Press Mentions



October 30, 2020: Rep. Burgess joins Mornings with Maria

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**FOX BUSINESS DEMOCRACY 2020**

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TREASURY YIELDS	1.10	0.822%	▼0.005	US 30 YEAR YIELD (US.30)	1.602%		

Rep. Burgess join Cuomo Prime Time

Via Skyp  
Dallas  
8:26 PM CT

**CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**TEXAS PAUSES REOPENING AMID RECORD HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Rep Michael Burgess | (R) Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

**LIVE CNN**  
6:26 PM PT

ADVANCED A DC STATEHOOD MEASURE ► BILL WOULD SHRINK FEDERAL C / CUOMO PRIME TIME



# The Dallas Morning News

## The path to nuking carbon emissions goes through Yucca Mountain

By Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D.

*The Hill*

December 8, 2020

Congress' responsibility is simple: write, pass and ensure the faithful enactment of laws. When it comes to providing America with a clean energy future, Congress has fallen short of its responsibility.

In 1987, through the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Department of Energy was entrusted to build and operate a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel. Fast forward through the years of studying a variety of locations, and Congress decided on Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Three decades later, Congress has yet to uphold its promise to fully fund operation of this site. America is demanding clean energy alternatives, and it is impossible to provide a zero-carbon future without including nuclear energy. Nuclear power accounts for 55% of zero-emission, baseload electricity nationwide. The American nuclear industry is working to introduce new reactors that are safer, smaller and more affordable than ever. One issue yet remains: how to address spent nuclear fuel.

Uranium, the most common fuel, is used by nuclear reactors to achieve fission. This process produces heat to create steam. The steam is then used to turn turbines generating electricity. Eventually, this fuel is removed and stored in cooling pools and later put in dry cask containers. While these containers are safe for decades, the only permanent way to dispose of this fuel is deep underground.

Some countries have found success reprocessing spent fuels, which helps to reduce the volume of spent fuel. Some new reactor designs might also burn up more fuel. The fact remains that neither reprocessing nor higher efficiency can eliminate waste entirely. The fission process will always produce some amount of material that must be disposed of in a safe way for thousands of years. The best solution for a permanent repository is Yucca Mountain.

Yucca Mountain was chosen by Congress and backed by science, but the Obama administration stripped funding for its licensing process, halting all development at the site. Years of scientific studies and engineering assessments have deemed the location and geology to be uniquely safe, but the administration turned its back on this clean energy solution for easy political points. Following the decision, Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., led a group of Energy and Commerce members, including me, on a visit to

the site to learn both sides of the debate.

Without a doubt, the current licensing process is broken. To fix this process, we must pass the bipartisan Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, which passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This bill advances Yucca's licensing process, promotes interim storage facilities, integrates the federal government's waste management activities, and improves the federal government's engagement with local and state stakeholders. This would finally put Yucca Mountain on a path to open its doors. Despite this bill having wide bipartisan support, the Democratic leadership in the House continues to refuse to bring it up for a vote.

If Congress is seriously considering ways to foster a cleaner future, it must fulfill its commitment to providing a permanent repository for spent nuclear fuel. It is time to vote on the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act. It is time to open Yucca.



## Ignore the misinformation: The FDA will ensure the safety of any COVID-19 vaccine

By Congressmen Greg Walden, Michael C. Burgess, M.D.,  
and Brett Guthrie

*The Hill*

August 28, 2020

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is the world's premiere organization for making sure new drugs and vaccines are safe and effective. That's why when the most talented doctors and scientists in the world submit their COVID-19 vaccines for approval by the FDA, and the FDA deems them safe and effective, we will confidently get vaccinated, and we will encourage other Americans to do likewise. That's how we can protect those most vulnerable from this vicious virus and get our way of life back once again.

As the House Energy and Commerce Committee Republican leader, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Republican leader, and the Health Subcommittee Republican leader, we oversee U.S. public health, including efforts of private sector companies and federal health agencies working around the clock on a COVID-19 vaccine.

Throughout this pandemic, we have worked closely with our country's top doctors and public health officials. We're conducting ongoing and thorough oversight of efforts to develop a vaccine, including public hearings with officials from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the National Institutes for Health (NIH) and FDA - as well as representatives of vaccine manufacturers. It's clear from our work that America's public health officials and the vaccine manufacturers they oversee are adhering to the world's top safety standards. Unfortunately, we have seen a disturbing amount of misinformation designed to scare people about the safety and effectiveness of potential vaccines. This rhetoric must stop.

The human suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic is unlike anything we've seen in our lifetimes. The virus has claimed over 176,000 Americans and many people have lost their jobs. The stress and uncertainty have negatively impacted people's mental health, on top of appearing to worsen the addiction and substance use disorder crisis in the U.S. To fight off this invisible enemy, unprecedented efforts and resources are being deployed. One of those efforts is Operation Warp Speed (OWS), a public-private vaccine and therapeutic partnership with the goal of delivering 300 million vaccine doses by January 2021. Operation Warp Speed has narrowed more than 100 vaccine candidates to only the strongest candidates, and the federal government has provided over \$12 billion to support the development of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Operation Warp Speed is moving at an unprecedented pace - without cutting safety corners.

Indeed, OWS is requiring the leading vaccine candidates to each enroll at least 30,000 people in large-scale studies as doctors and health experts had urged in order to ensure safety.

Public health officials have repeatedly said the only risk is in the financial investment being made by the federal government, not in the safety of any vaccine that is approved. For example, OWS is already doing manufacturing demonstrations. Typically, vaccine approval is obtained before investments are made in the manufacturing process, so money isn't lost if a vaccine does not end up receiving approval. However, Operation Warp Speed is simultaneously producing the vaccine while we await final approval by the FDA. If FDA says "no," then the whole production line is dumped. But if a vaccine works, then we'll be months ahead and ready to save lives in record time. This kind of financial risk is well worth the potential lives that could be saved by having doses ready to go immediately. Still, when it comes to approvals, including for the COVID-19 vaccine, FDA Commissioner Dr. Stephen Hahn reiterated in a recent op-ed that "...all FDA decisions have been, and will continue to be, based solely on good science and data."

At a July hearing with vaccine manufacturers, members of our committee asked how can we have a safe and effective vaccine in under 18 months when the fastest time period a vaccine was ever developed, which was for Mumps, took four years. Vaccine manufacturer representatives are confident this can be achieved without compromising safety, citing factors such as staff working around the clock, unprecedented interaction with regulators, and previous scientific work in contributing to the extraordinary speed in developing a vaccine. It's also worth noting that, even though we are in a public health emergency, the FDA has set - and is demanding - high safety standards. FDA guidance requires the COVID-19 vaccine to be at least 50 percent effective.

At the Energy and Commerce Committee, Republicans are leading an effort called the Second Wave Preparedness Project to complement the work of public health officials and ensure the U.S. government's response to COVID-19 continues to move in the right direction... Rest assured, in our roles at the Energy and Commerce Committee, we will continue our oversight to ensure only a safe and effective vaccine is delivered to the American people. And when it is, we'll take our turn in line to get it.



## Education cannot be paused for a pandemic

By Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D.  
*The Hill*  
 August 19, 2020

More than our physical health is being affected by this novel coronavirus. With the nation moving towards virtual living to continue social distancing, we are risking under-educating a generation. Children need the option to have an in-person education. There are lessons and experiences a student receives in the classroom that cannot be replicated via technology.

Distance learning is good, homeschooling is good, but not every student will succeed in those environments. Families need to have the option to send their child safely to school since a child only gets to experience the first grade once. My children are no longer school age, but my youngest is still in the classroom teaching middle schoolers.

It is critical to evaluate the risks of having a child return to in-person learning alongside the benefits. Besides the home, school ranks second in influencing a student's well-being and health. Schools offer so much more than academic instruction. Many students rely on daily meals, a safe environment, one-on-one counseling services, development of social and emotional skills, and physical activity. These are things that cannot be dialed in.

Parents are rightfully concerned for the safety of their children and their risk for contracting this coronavirus. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), school-aged children have a slight chance of contracting COVID-19. While researchers are still learning more about this new virus, the CDC reported in July that less than 7 percent of positive cases were for someone age 18 or under. The same study indicates that a child is more likely to be at risk of catching the flu.

When schools decided to go virtual in March, it highlighted the disparities within our broadband infrastructure. This posed a problem for students living in rural areas with limited internet access. Congress has recently prioritized broadband deployment, but these efforts must accelerate to provide adequate funding to expand broadband availability.

What happens if a child does not have access to in-person learning and no broadband connection? The lack of in-person instruction could lead to severe educational inequality. Families in low-income communities cannot afford to hire tutors or ensure each child has access to their own computer with reliable internet access to participate in virtual learning. Having at-home virtual learning also comes with the distractions

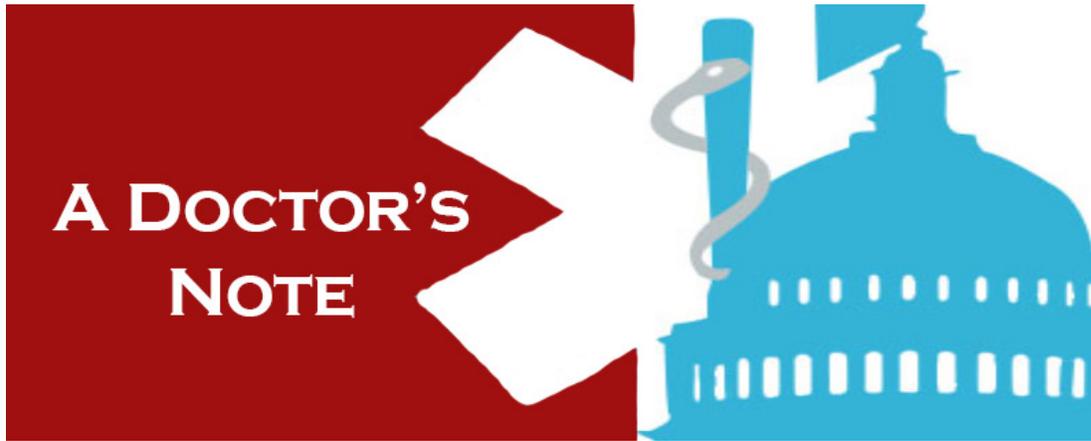
of everyday life. Children need a focused environment to thrive.

Beyond the basic needs of these students, students with disabilities lack the tailored learning environment provided by special educators. It is impossible to virtually replicate the hands-on personal attention required to educate these children. Parents cannot turn into the special education teachers their child needs overnight to provide them with the occupational, physical, or speech therapy they would receive in the classroom. I understand this from my own first-hand experience since my oldest child is hearing impaired, and it was thanks to the teachers at the local public schools who changed her life by teaching her sign language. On top of that, virtual learning is especially difficult for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, have poor vision/blind, or may have another learning disorder.

Natural disasters have not previously rendered Congress immune from ensuring the education of the next generation. This pandemic should be no different. After Hurricane Katrina displaced thousands of families, Congress created a new "Emergency Impact Aid" funding program for school districts that received these students. This program provided grants to school districts and private schools based on each displaced student's enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year. These funds allowed students to receive a quality education in a new place during a time of crisis. Perhaps this program could be used to serve students who need in-person education this fall?

A more innovative approach is already included in the Senate's HEALS Act through Education Freedom Scholarships. These scholarships allow families to fund their child's private school tuition, homeschooling expenses, and other educational needs. The HEALS Act provides emergency funding for these scholarships as seed money and would give control of K-12 education back to parents. As a co-sponsor of the Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act, the House version of this concept, I believe expanding parental education opportunities is one of the best ways to improve in-person learning for students.

When it comes to whether or not to send students back to the classroom this fall, we must reject one-size-fits-all solutions and focus on ensuring that each student is able to receive the education that best fits their personal needs.



**Purpose:**

COVID-19 created a need for an accurate, up-to-date resource where one could easily find informative news about protecting themselves and their families from COVID-19.

**Circulation:**

- Sent over 120 notes
- Started as a daily publication and is done at least biweekly

FROM THE DESK OF  
**Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**

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**Purpose:**

To provide the 26th District of Texas with accurate and up-to-date information about what is happening in Washington, D.C.

**Circulation:**

- Sent over 15 newsletters
- Usually weekly, but due to the frequency of “A Doctor’s Note” circulation was reduced slightly this year

# T·)C H TALK

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## Purpose:

To address technological issues and advancements at the forefront of American innovation and consumer protections, I started “Tech Talk” - a blog. Each blog explains a current technological issue, how it affects the American people, and where Congress may, or may not, have a role to play.

## Select Titles:

- What is Section 230
- What is a Stingray? Is it surveilling you?
- Do you read Terms of Service?
- Coronavirus Scams: What do they look like, how do you respond, and how do you avoid them?
- Is “Big Tech” too big? Reestablishing trust in antitrust law.
- Is Artificial Intelligence Smarter Than Humans?
- Who Remembers Dial-Up? What is Broadband?
- Ransomware: Can it hurt you?
- Algorithms and their Role in Content Moderation

CONGRESSMAN

# MICHAEL C. BURGESS, M.D.

SERVING TEXAS-26

## BREAKING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

### Select Titles:

- Burgess: Providing for the Common Defense is essential
- Burgess: Today is a monumental day for American kidney transplant patients
- E&C GOP Leaders Seek Missing Info on Lab Capacity for Development of COVID-19 Vaccines, Therapeutics, and Diagnostics
- Burgess: Senate's swift action on Judge Barrett was the right choice
- Burgess: Our elections must be free of foreign interference
- Burgess joins EPA Administrator Wheeler for a Fireside Chat
- Burgess: Pelosi continues to lead the House in the wrong direction
- Burgess wins BIG for health care
- Burgess: There is still work for Congress to do
- Burgess reacts to news of Justice Ginsburg's death
- Burgess: The Problems Facing the Postal Service Are Not New
- Burgess Works to Protect U.S. Athletes
- Burgess Amendment will Save Energy and Taxpayer Money
- Burgess: Protecting Our National Defense is a Bipartisan Issue
- Burgess Works to SAVE Jobs
- Burgess: Congress Should Put Forward Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- Burgess: America Needs to Remain a Leader in 5G Deployment
- Burgess: Sam Johnson a True American Hero
- Burgess: America is the Engine of Innovation
- Burgess Leads in Bipartisan Teleconference with CDC
- Burgess Named a Finalist in the Congressional Management Foundation's Third Annual Democracy Awards
- Burgess: The Senate has Acted, Now it is Time for the House to Pass CARES Quickly
- Burgess: It Is Past Time To Have A Standalone Hearing On COVID-19





# In The Hopper

# Snapshot of Legislative Accomplishments

- Participated in more than 29 hearings and markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Participated in 13 Subcommittee on Health hearings
- Participated in more than 23 meetings of the Rules Committee
- Managed 5 Rules on the House Floor
- Cast 241 votes, a 95.2% attendance record
- Authored and introduced 25 pieces of legislation
- Co-sponsored 85 bills
- Authored and Introduced 5 pieces of legislation that became law in 2020



## Committee Memberships:

- House Energy and Commerce Committee
- Subcommittee on Health - Republican Leader
- Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation
- House Rules Committee
- Ranking Member on Subcommittee on Legislation and Budget Process

## Caucuses:

- Flat Tax (Chairman)
- Motorcycle (Co-Chair)
- Health Care (Chairman)
- Parkinson's Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Dyslexia
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Bipartisan Pro-Life
- GOP Doctors
- Mental Health
- Afghanistan
- Ukraine
- Taiwan
- Navy & Marine Corps
- Military Veterans
- Army
- Air Force
- Privacy
- Values Action
- TeamAlzheimer's
- Horse
- Republican Study Committee
- General Aviation
- Automotive Performance & Motorsport
- Bike
- Boating
- India and Indian-American
- Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence
- Research and Development
- Black Maternal Health
- Bipartisan Allergy & Asthma

More than 27 million Americans are estimated to operate a motorcycle annually. In 2008, I co-founded the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus (CMC) with then-Congresswoman Gabby Giffords (D-AZ) to support riders – both on-and-off street – through education and awareness to encourage responsible motorcycling. I now co-chair the caucus with Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) to support motorcycling by ensuring legislative and executive branch actions treat motorcyclists equitably. The CMC regularly engages with industry groups and rider organizations, including participating in fly-ins. While the CMC is a motorcycle caucus, we encourage support of not only motorcyclists, but also those interested in safety on our roads and highways, and the enjoyment of all that motorcycling has to offer. Below is a sampling of Congressional Motorcycle Caucus activity from this year:

- On March 26, 2019, I introduced with co-chair Tim Walberg (R-MI) H.Res. 255, a resolution promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.
  - Throughout 2020, this resolution garnered the support of 138 bipartisan cosponsors.
- On August 21, 2020, I led a letter with four other CMC members to Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader McCarthy requesting that H.Res. 255 be considered on the House floor.
- On April 11, 2019, I led a caucus letter to Heidi King, Deputy Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at the Department of Transportation, requesting NHTSA’s views on the current definition of a motorcycle.
  - In January 2020, NHTSA submitted a report to Congress on the Federal and State Regulatory Status of Autocycles.
- On March 2, 2020, I cosponsored H.R. 5234, the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act, which authorizes the council at the Department of Transportation to advise on issues of concern to motorcyclists.
- On July 9, 2020, I cosponsored H.Res. 1041, a resolution supporting the designation of July 11, 2020, as “Antique Motorcycle Enthusiast Day” introduced by caucus member Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH).

Prior to serving in Congress, I ran a pro-life practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist for nearly 30 years and delivered over 3,000 babies. I wrote the bylaws for the Medical Center of Lewisville and two Denton County surgery centers prohibiting abortions from being performed on the premises. It was an easy choice to join the Pro-Life Caucus, which defends the belief that the United State Constitution guarantees a right to life. Below are highlights of the caucus's work during 2020:

- **Mail Order Abortion:** I worked to ensure that the FDA upheld restrictions on mail order chemical abortion pills, and took steps to urge the agency to protect women and the unborn from the dangerous chemical abortion pill mifeprex, by sending letters to the FDA and joining Amicus Briefs to the ACOG v. FDA case before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- **Federally Funded Abortion:** During appropriations negotiations, I requested that language prohibiting federal funds be used for abortion in any funding bills. I also worked to prohibit any COVID-19 response funding to be used for abortion by sending a letter to leadership, sending two letters to the Small Business Administration expressing concerns over Planned Parenthood received Paycheck Protection Program funds, and by cosponsoring H.R. 6743, the Protecting Life in Crisis Act.
- **Pro-Life Administration:** I supported the Trump Administration's efforts to protect the unborn by sending letters of support for actions taken prohibiting the practice of using aborted babies for fetal tissue research, and upholding family values.
- **Conscience Protections:** This past year, I continued my work on safeguarding conscience protections by joining an Amicus Brief to the New York v. HHS Conscience Protections case, supporting a final rule that would enforce civil rights laws that protect health care provider from facing discrimination for declining to participate in abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide.
- **Protection of Religious Beliefs:** I stood up for the protection of religious beliefs and rights by joining an Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court supporting the Little Sisters of the Poor not to be compelled by the government to provide contraceptives in their health insurance plan.

The 116th Congress marked my fourth term on the powerful House Rules Committee. This committee establishes the parameters of debate for every bill considered by the House of Representatives on the House floor. Membership of the committee consists of nine majority members and four minority members and meets weekly to discuss the floor schedule and consider which bills will be advanced for debate. As a member of this committee, I am in a unique position to influence policy on every aspect of the House agenda, including issues pertaining to health care, energy, immigration, impeachment, federal spending, national security and defense, election security, and consumer and labor protections.

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October 12, 2020

Dear Rep. Burgess,

The 116th Congress has faced unprecedented challenges that made the work of the legislative branch more consequential than ever. As we come to the end of this historic legislative session, I write to thank you for all the amendments you submitted to the Rules Committee. **Your hard work has led to you having the second most amendments made in order from the Republican Conference!**

I appreciate your continued effort to submit amendments that improve legislation and I look forward to working with you in the 117th Congress and beyond!

Sincerely,



James P. McGovern  
Chairman  
Committee on Rules

## Amendments offered during Rules Meetings – 2nd Session

### H.R. 535, PFAS Action Act of 2019

- Strikes Section 2: Section 2 requires EPA to designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the CERCLA (Superfund).
  - Made in Order, failed on the House floor by a vote of 161-247.

### H.R. 2339, Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020

- Strikes the increase in user fees and requires the FDA to submit to Congress a written explanation of why it has not complied with the reporting requirements in the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.
- Strikes the increase in user fees for fiscal year 2021 unless the FDA submits to Congress the appropriate reports required under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.
- Imposes a sunset on the authorization for the FDA to collect user fees on tobacco products under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, to be effective on October 1, 2024.

### H.Res. 965, Authorizing remote voting by proxy in the House of Representatives and providing for official remote committee proceedings during a public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus

- Requires the Committee on House Administration to submit a report analyzing the accuracy and integrity of the votes cast by Members in the House, including the votes cast by designated proxies under this resolution.

### H.R. 2, Invest in America Act [Moving Forward Act]

- Adds the term “mode of transportation” to the criteria for collection of data on traffic stops so motorcycles may be counted in this statistic.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Strikes “lane splitting” from Section 5304 and inserts descriptive language to better account for varying state laws regarding motorcycle riders.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Raises the threshold of covered projects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to \$1 billion and allows projects with marginal environmental impact to be excluded from NEPA review.

### H.R. 1425, State Health Care Premium Reduction Act [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act]

- Strikes sections 204 and 205 of the bill and requires a report by Medicaid expansion states on the number of Medicaid enrollees within the expansion population that are above the state’s Medicaid income eligibility threshold.

### H.R. 6395, William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

- Strikes Section 331 that prohibits the purchase of any products containing PFAS by the DOD.
- Strikes Section 1608 that prohibits the DoD from entering into contracts with an entity operating in the 1525 - 1559 megahertz band or 1626.5 - 1660.5 megahertz band without Secretary of Defense certification.
- Strikes Section 1609 that prohibits funds from being used to address interference on DoD GPS systems from Ligado Networks.
- Requires the DoD to report to Congress on the current state of Energy Savings Performance Contracts.
  - Passed on the House floor by a vote of 336-71.
- Increases funding for micro nuclear reactor research from \$50 million to \$100 million.

### H.R. 7608, State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2021

- Prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to hire or pay the salary of any officer or employee of the EPA to utilize the Title 42 special pay authority.
  - Made in Order, failed on the House floor by a vote of 187-230.
- Specifies that none of the funds provided by this Act may be used to restrict the development or operations of oil and gas pipelines.

**H.R. 7617, Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021**

- Increases funding for the Keep Young Athletes Safe Act grant program by \$2.5 million and reduces funding for salaries and expenses at the Department of Commerce by \$2.5 million.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote; funding included as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.
- Reduces by \$2.85 billion the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account, reduces by \$150 million the Science account within the DoE, and increases the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Petroleum Account by \$3 billion.
- Strikes language that allows Members of Congress to visit any facility operated by or for the Department of Homeland Security without any prior notice.
- Increases funding by \$2 million for the CDC’s sickle cell disease surveillance program.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Increases by \$100 million in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency fund to highlight the need for manufacturing process improvements to increase yields of Immunoglobulin G in plasma manufacturing in the United States.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.

**H.R. 8015, Delivering for America Act**

- Requires the U.S. Postal Service to issue and sell a Veterans Health Care Stamp to help fund the medical care and treatment of veterans.
- Removes the authority of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to issue semipostal stamps (stamps sold at a premium to raise funds for causes of national public interest) except as provided by an Act of Congress. Currently, the USPS issues semipostals using its own discretion to determine the causes it considers to be in the national public interest.

**H.R. 4447, Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act**

- Extends the 45Q construction deadline by 2 years to January 1, 2026.
- Requires the Secretary of Energy to certify that this legislation will not reduce the United States’ energy security or energy independence.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Requires the Secretary of Energy to certify that this legislation will not increase electric rates or gasoline prices.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Requires the Secretary of Interior to report to Congress on the use of forced labor practices to extract critical minerals from foreign sources for export to the United States.
  - Passed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Requires the Secretary of Energy to report to Congress on the effect of variable and distributed energy resources on the reliability of the electric grid, specifically pertaining to natural disasters and physical or cyber attacks on the grid infrastructure.
  - Made in Order, failed on the House floor by voice vote.
- The Secretary of Energy shall report to Congress on the potential duplication of research efforts in the Department of Energy’s applied energy programs and evaluate the opportunity costs associated with such efforts. The report should also include recommendations on how to streamline the research grant process and the impact of combining duplicative projects.
  - Made in Order, failed on the House floor by voice vote.
- Streamlines the import and export of energy products (oil, gas, electricity) across international borders and improves the Presidential Permit process.
- Requires the EPA administrator to certify that Title IX, Subtitle B will not increase the price of medical devices, particularly in low-income communities.

**Rules Change Submission – 117th Congress**

- Submitted a proposal to change the House rules for the 117th Congress to require a full House vote before a committee can seek judicial enforcement of a subpoena.
  - Congress should have the ability to seek enforcement of authorized subpoenas. However, Committee Chairmen should not be provided with the ability to issue subpoenas and then immediately seek judicial enforcement when they are not complied with.
  - To provide due process, Committees will retain the ability to issue subpoenas but must seek a vote of the full House before they can seek judicial enforcement. If there is broad, bipartisan support, the House should be able to approve enforcement by a resolution on suspension.
  - This will remove the authority of the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group to direct the General Counsel's office to act on behalf of the full House and return the seriousness of issuing and enforcing a subpoena to the oversight and investigation functions of the House.

This year, the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health held 13 hearings and one subcommittee markup. The full committee held two additional markups that included health subcommittee legislation.

### 2019 Novel Coronavirus Pandemic

I was one of the first Members of Congress to ring the alarm and ask for hearings on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Much of my time as Republican Leader of the Health Subcommittee this year was spent leading briefings and hearings related to our nation's public health response and the development of vaccines and therapeutics.

I sent a series of letters to Health Subcommittee Chairwoman Anna Eshoo requesting hearings on numerous topics related to COVID-19, including testing, the strategic national stockpile, mental health and substance use disorders, racial and ethnic disparities, and provider relief. The Health Subcommittee ultimately held hearings on mental health and substance use disorders in addition to racial and ethnic disparities. Both Energy and Commerce and the full House also passed H.R. 7574, Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2020, to reform and improve our strategic national stockpile to better equip us to fight COVID-19 and future public health emergencies or biological attacks.

This pandemic is not over, and we still have a lot of work to do in Congress to ensure the stability of our health care infrastructure and our preparedness for future public health emergencies.

### Medicare Coverage of Immunosuppressive Drugs

I have championed H.R. 5534, the Comprehensive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act for nearly a decade. Over the course of the 116th Congress, I focused on engagement with the agency and compiling data to help inform Congressional Budget Office's analysis. Currently, Medicare only covers immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients for 36 months after their transplant. This bill would extend that Medicare coverage for kidney transplant patients who do not obtain other health insurance coverage, ensuring the better health of the transplant patient and helping them maintain their new kidney rather than sending them back to dialysis. H.R. 5534 passed the Energy and Commerce Committee with unanimous support on July 15, 2020. On December 8, 2020, the House of Representatives unanimously passed this legislation by voice vote.

**Legislation signed into Law:****H.R. 748, the CARES Act**

- Date Introduced: January 24, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Mike Kelly (R-PA)
- Status: Signed into law on March 27, 2020
- The CARES Act included five policies Rep. Michael C. Burgess fought for in his role as Chairman and Republican Leader of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health in the 115th and 116th Congresses. These include: the Ready Reserve Corps, Title VII health professions workforce programs reauthorization, Money Follows the Person reauthorization, health care volunteer liability protections, and a policy to align substance use disorder privacy law with HIPAA.

**H.R. 4870, the United States Public Health Service Modernization Act of 2019**

- Date Introduced: October 28, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA)
- Status: Signed into law with H.R. 748, the CARES Act, on March 27, 2020
- Established a Ready Reserve Corps to assist with pandemic and public health emergency response efforts.

**H.R. 2781, Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness for Health Act of 2019**

- Date Introduced: May 16, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Signed into law in H.R. 748, the CARES Act, on March 27, 2020
- Reauthorized Title VII physician and health care professional workforce programs.

**H.R. 5534, Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2019**

- Date Introduced: June 18, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Ron Kind (D-WI) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Signed into law on December 27, 2020
- Extends immunosuppressive drug coverage for kidney transplant patients in Medicare past the current 36-month limit.

**H.R. 3644, Independence at Home Demonstration Act of 2019**

- Date Introduced: July 9, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
- Status: Signed into law on December 27, 2020
- Reauthorizes the Medicare Independence at Home Demonstration Program for an additional three years.

**H.R. 7898, To amend title XXX of the Public Health Services Act to provide for a technical correction to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Service certain authorities with respect to investigations of information blocking, and for other purposes**

- Date Introduced: July 31, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Peter Welch (D-VT)
- Status: Signed into law on December 27, 2020
- Builds on my 2016 law to allow the Office of the Inspector General at the Department of Health and Human Services to enforce and investigate instances of health information blocking.

**H.R. 5199, ECHO Act**

- Date Introduced: November 20, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Signed into law on December 27, 2020
- This bill builds upon the Project ECHO grant program, which was established by my policy that was signed into law in 2016 as part of the ECHO Act. Project ECHO is a federal grant program to increase access to health care services and enhance health care workforce capacity in underserved areas through technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models.

**H.R. 1520, Purple Book Continuity Act**

- Date Introduced: March 5, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Signed into law on December 27, 2020
- This bill provides for the publication of a list of licensed biological products for the purposes of lowering drug costs.

**Legislation signed into Law (cont):**

**H.R. 2862, VACCINES Act**

- Date Introduced: May 21, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Kim Schrier (D-WA), Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Similar language signed into law on December 27, 2020
- This bill requires the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to raise public awareness on the importance of vaccinations, and to identify communities of high risk for vaccine preventable outbreaks and pilot innovative approaches to improve vaccination rates.

**Legislation Introduced:**

**H.R. 4996, Helping MOMS Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: November 8, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Rep. Robin L. Kelly (D-IL), Michael C. Burgess (R-TX), Lauren Underwood (D-IL), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), and Earl L. “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)
- Status: Passed the House on September 29, 2020 with unanimous support
- Provides states the option to extend Medicaid coverage of maternal postpartum care for up to one year.

**H.R. 3539, Behavioral Intervention Guidelines Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: June 27, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. A. Drew Ferguson (R-GA) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Passed the House on September 29, 2020 on suspension
- Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to work with other government entities to establish behavioral intervention guidelines for schools.

**H.R. 107, To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to sunset the limit on the maximum rebate amount for single source drugs and innovator multiple source drugs**

- Date Introduced: January 3, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: A version of this policy passed the House with H.R. 4996 on September 29, 2020
- Addresses drug pricing in the Medicaid program.

**H.R. 1646, HERO Act**

- Date Introduced: March 8, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA)
- Status: Passed the House on September 21, 2020 on suspension
- A Burgess amendment to include behavioral health support services for frontline health care workers was included in the bill.

**H.R. 8505, To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a one-year waiver of budget neutrality adjustments under the Medicare physician fee schedule, and for other purposes**

- Date Introduced: October 2, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Appropriations Committees
- Delays payment cuts for physician and other providers in the Medicare program.

**H.R. 8476, TIKES Act**

- Date Introduced: October 1, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide guidance to states to guide utilization of telehealth in Medicaid.

**H.R. 6578, Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: April 21, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Jason Crow (D-CO) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Allows loan repayment for state, local, and tribal public health agency workers.

**H.R. 6701, Ensuring Understanding of COVID-19 to Protect Public Health Act**

- Date Introduced: May 5, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Directs the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct a longitudinal study on the long-term health impact of COVID-19.

**H.R. 8086, to provide additional appropriations for the public health and social services emergency fund, and for other purposes**

- Date Introduced: August 22, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Appropriations Committee
- Provides additional funding for COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics in addition to other pandemic response activities.

**H.R. 7168, Creating Capacity for Communities in Need Act**

- Date Introduced: June 11, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees
- Allows physician owned hospitals to expand capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**H.R. 7254, Infection Control Training and Support Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: June 18, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Ron Kind (D-WI) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees
- Requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to utilize quality improvement organizations to assist skilled nursing facilities with COVID-19.

**Legislation signed onto:**

**H.R. 14, Commitment to Defeat the Virus and Keep America Healthy Act**

- Date Introduced: October 30, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Richard Hudson (R-NC) and Greg Walden (R-OR)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees
- Includes various public health policies to improve the U.S. preparedness and response for COVID-19 and future public health emergencies.

**H.R. 4995, Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act**

- Date Introduced: November 8, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
- Status: Passed the House on September 21, 2020 with unanimous support

- Improves quality of maternal health care in rural communities and maternal health outcomes reporting.

**H.R. 4215, Excellence in Maternal Health Act of 2019**

- Date Introduced: August 30, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Larry Bucshon (R-IN), Andre Carson (D-IN) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health
- A similar bill, H.R. 4995, the Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2020, passed the House on September 21, 2020.

**H.R. 2271, Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act**

- Date Introduced: April 10, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Gwen Moore (D-WI) and Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Status: Passed the House on September 21, 2020
- Establishes grants for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award to states seeking to improve data on sudden unexpected infant and childhood deaths.

**H.R. 7574, Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: July 13, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) and Susan Brooks (R-IN)
- Status: Passed the House on September 21, 2020
- Makes important reforms to the U.S. Strategic National Stockpile to ensure efficient procurement of necessary medical supplies during public health emergencies.

**H.R. 692, Pre-existing Conditions Protection Act of 2019**

- Date Introduced: January 18, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, and Ways and Means Committees
- Maintains protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions should the Affordable Care Act be repealed.

## Priority Burgess Health Amendments Passed at Energy & Commerce Committee:

**Amendment to H.R. 4996, the Helping MOMs Act: Would allow the temporary five percent increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the first year of a state taking up the Medicaid state option for providing 12 months of coverage postpartum.**

- This amendment was adopted by voice vote.

**Amendment to H.R. 1646, the HERO Act of 2019, which added mental health services and supports for frontline mental health workers.**

- This amendment was adopted by voice at a full E&C Committee markup on July 15, 2020.

## Non-Legislative Health Accomplishments

- **Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation, which would have had devastating consequences on many hospitals in Texas, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. I led the Texas delegation in efforts to urge CMS to withhold finalizing the rule by sending two letters to the agency. On September 15, 2020, CMS considered the bipartisan concerns expressed on this proposed rule and reversed its decision.
- **Physician Owned Hospitals:** I sent a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requesting that certain regulatory requirements applying to high Medicaid facilities be removed in order to align statutory text and congressional intent. The Calendar Year 2021 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule included my request, of which I sent a letter to the agency expressing his support for the proposed rule. The final rule removed the restrictions on expansion for hospitals that qualify as high Medicaid facilities, allowing physician owned hospitals qualifying as high Medicaid facilities to grow.
- **Anti-Kickback Statute and Physician Self-Referral (Stark) Law:** Last year, HHS proposed a rule regarding the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law in order to encourage participation in value-based care and outcomes-based payments. I sent a letter encouraging HHS and OMB to finalize this rule. Shortly thereafter, in November 2020, the rule was finalized.
- **Maternity Payment Codes:** Physician payment codes for maternity care were included in proposed cuts to global surgical payments in Medicare. I urged CMS to consider the downstream impact on maternity care, particularly for Medicaid patients, if they were to move forward with this policy. In December, CMS released the final Physician Fee Schedule, which included an increase to global obstetric payments.
- **Evaluation and Management Codes/Physician Payments:** CMS proposed issuing new payment policies in the CY2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule which would result in significant evaluation and management (E/M) services reimbursement cuts beginning in January 2021 for certain providers. I requested that CMS and House leadership address these reimbursement cuts in order that health care professionals do not experience additional financial hardships, especially as they continue to serve patients during this pandemic.

**Administration:****Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 6882, Election Fraud Prevention Act**

- Date Introduced: May 5, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Rodney Davis (R-IL), Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Steve Scalise (R-LA)
- Status: Referred to the Committee on House Administration
- Prohibits federal election funding to States which permit ballot harvesting.

**Communications and Technology:****Legislation Introduced:****H.R. 3780, the Protecting Patients and Doctors from Unlawful Robocalls Act**

- Date Introduced: July 16, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
- Status: Passed the House as part of H.R. 3375, the Stopping Bad Robocalls Act on July 24, 2019
- On June 25, 2020, the FCC announced the establishment of the Hospital Robocall Protection Group as authorized in the bill.

**H.R. 7336, the CABLE Competition Act**

- Date Introduced: June 25, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Prohibits a cable franchise authority from precluding cable operators from transferring a franchise or requiring a cable operator to receive approval from a franchise authority for a transfer.

**Consumer Protections:****Legislation signed into Law:****H.R. 8132, American COMPETE Act**

- Date Introduced: August 28, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)
- Status: Became law as part of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 133, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
- Includes my Advancing 3D Printing Act and other proposals to study applications of emerging technology.

**H.R. 6928, the Advancing 3D Printing Act**

- Date Introduced: May 19, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Became law as part of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 133, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

**Consumer Protections (cont.):**

- Requires the Department of Commerce to the study the commercial impact of 3D printing.

**H.R. 806, Portable Fuel Container Safety Act**

- Date Introduced: January 28, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)
- Status: Became law as part of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 133, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
- Directs the Consumer Product Safety Commission to require fuel containers to include devices that impede flames from entering the container.

**Legislation Introduced:****H.R. 8128, Consumer Safety Technology Act**

- Date Introduced: August 28, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Jerry McNerney (D-CA)
- Status: Passed the House on September 29, 2020
- Requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission to explore the use of Artificial Intelligence to help protect consumers and the Federal Trade Commission to study applications of blockchain technology.

**Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 6364, SECURE Notarization Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: March 23, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) and Madeleine Dean (D-PA)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Authorizes and sets standards for electronic and remote notarizations.

**H.R. 12, the China Task Force (CTF) Act**

- Date Introduced: October 20, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Leader McCarthy (R-CA), Reps. Greg Walden (R-OR), Kay Granger (R-TX), and Liz Cheney (R-WY)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee and others
- The CTF Act is a comprehensive package of proposals creating a blueprint to hold China accountable and secure America's prominence in the world.

**H.R. 13, the Commitment to American Security Act**

- Date Introduced: October 27, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Mike Rogers (R-AL), and Pete Stauber (R-MN)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee and others

**Consumer Protections (cont.):**

- Increases funding for police training and body cameras, and improves border security, cybersecurity, and transportation security.

**Education:****Legislation Signed onto:****H.R.1434, the Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act**

- Date Introduced: February 28, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-AL)
- Status: Referred to the Ways and Means and Education and Labor Committees
- Creates new tax credits to taxpayers for cash contributions to tax-exempt scholarship-granting organizations for K-12 education expenses.

**H.R.7308 - Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act**

- Date Introduced: June 24, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)
- Status: Referred to the Agriculture, Armed Services, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Science, Space, and Technology Committees
- Provides relief to research institutions or national laboratories whose research was disrupted by COVID-19, allowing researchers to complete their work and to offset the cost of replacing lab equipment or reconfiguring labs to resume research.

**H.R.8058, the Chinese Research Funds Accounting Act**

- Date Introduced: August 14, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY)
- Status: Referred to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee
- Requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal funds used for research conducted within China or by entities that are majority owned by the Chinese Communist Party.

**H.R.8614, the Home Educators are Teachers Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: October 16, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC)
- Status: Referred to the Ways and Means Committee
- Expands the tax deductions for certain expenses for K-12 teachers to include home schooling expenses.

**Energy:****Legislation Introduced:****H.R.7579, the Save American Vital Energy (SAVE) Jobs Act**

- Date Introduced: July 13, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Ways and Means and Natural Resources Committees
- Provides tax and regulatory relief to the energy sector in response to COVID-19 to save tens of thousands of jobs across the nation. This includes expanded incentives for clean energy investments, greater liquidity for business operations, and streamlined permitting and royalty relief applications for energy producers on federal lands and waters.

**H.R. 6580, To appropriate funds to fill the SPR Petroleum Account.**

- Date Introduced: April 21, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Appropriations, Budget Committees
- Appropriates funds to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to create greater storage capacity for U.S. crude oil, stabilizing energy markets and saving taxpayer money.

**H.R.8807, the Electric Vehicle Mobility Area Planning (EV MAP) Act**

- Date: November 24, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Michael C. Burgess (R-TX) and Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Creates a grant program to generate maps of the optimal locations for charging stations for electric vehicles.

**Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 6802, ALIGN Act**

- Date Introduced: May 12, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Ways and Means Committee
- Makes permanent the expensing of new business equipment, particularly in the energy and manufacturing sectors.

**H.R. 7019, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Reform Act**

- Date Introduced: May 26, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee

**Energy (cont):**

- Modernizes the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to better adapt to rapidly changing energy markets.

**H.R. 7814, Nuclear Prosperity and Security Act**

- Date Introduced: July 29, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Robert E. Latta (R-OH)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Authorizes the Department of Energy to establish and maintain a Strategic Uranium Reserve.

**H.Res. 1130, Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, as “National Clean Energy Week”.**

- Date Introduced: September 21, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Reps. John R. Curtis (R-UT), Steve Stivers (R-OH), Elise M. Stefanik (R-NY), and Patrick T. McHenry (R-NC)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee

**H.R. 8933, the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) Modernization Act**

- Date Introduced: December 10, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Tony Cardenas (D-CA) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)
- Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Adds electric airplanes to the list of qualified loan recipients for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive program.

**Environment:****Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 7061, American Critical Mineral Exploration and Innovation Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: May 28, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL)
- Status: Referred to the Education and Labor, Natural Resources, Judiciary, Small Business, and Science, Space, and Technology Committees
- Reduces American dependence on foreign sources of critical minerals necessary for modern technologies used in healthcare, clean energy, defense, etc. This includes critical mineral designations, permitting reform, research into mineral recycling, support for innovation in mining schools, and better management of mineral resources.

**H.R. 8256, Recognition of Local Interests in NEPA Decision Making**

- Date Introduced: September 15, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY)
- Status: Referred to the Natural Resources and Judiciary Committees
- Ensures the judicial review of projects under the National Environmental Policy Act must be brought within the state where the action is proposed or permitted to take place or in Washington, D.C.

**H.R. 8333, BUILDER Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: September 22, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)
- Status: Referred to the Natural Resources Committee
- Codifies the changes to the National Environmental Policy Act made by the Council on Environmental Quality under President Trump, streamlining the federal review of the environmental impact of interstate projects. Specifically, it sets reasonable limits on the duration, paperwork, and length of environmental reviews for these projects.

**Ethics:****Legislation Signed onto:****H.Res. 832, raising a question of the privileges of the House**

- Date Introduced: February 5, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Ethics Committee
- The resolution disapproves of Speaker Pelosi's behavior during the State of the Union when she ripped up a copy of President Trump's speech.

**Foreign Affairs:****Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 6863, COVID-19 Accountability Act**

- Date Introduced: May 14, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Doug Collins (R-GA) and Liz Cheney (R-WY)
- Status: Referred to the Foreign Affairs and the Energy and Commerce Committees
- Authorizes sanctions on the Chinese government for their handling of COVID-19 and strengthens the domestic supply chain for the Strategic National Stockpile.

**H.R. 7361, Protecting Europe's Energy Security Clarification Act**

- Date Introduced: June 25, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)
- Status: Referred to the Foreign Affairs and Judiciary Committees
- Expands existing sanctions on individuals and entities constructing the Nord Stream 2 pipeline in Europe.

**H.R. 5086, to terminate waivers of sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action**

- Date Introduced: November 14, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY)
- Status: Referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee
- Terminates waivers of sanctions imposed by the Iran nuclear deal.

**H.Res. 1110, a resolution supporting diplomatic relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates**

- Date Introduced: September 15, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Michael McCaul (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee
- Supports the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and the UAE and Bahrain.

**Judiciary:****Legislation signed into law:****H.R. 835, Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act**

- Date Introduced: January 29, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) and Michael C. Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Signed into law on December 4, 2020
- Criminalizes international doping schemes and requires restitution for victims of such schemes.

**H.R. 3942, Preventing Online Sales of E-Cigarettes to Children Act**

- Date Introduced: July 24, 2019
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)
- Status: Became law as part of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 133, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
- Applies requirements to delivery sales of online e-cigarettes to prevent sales to children.

**H.R. 7881, Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: July 30, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Ted Lieu (D-CA), Michael C. Burgess (R-TX), Diana DeGette (D-CO), Susan Brooks (R-IN), Ann Kuster (D-NH), and John Curtis (R-UT)
- Status: Signed into law on October 30, 2020
- This bill reforms the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to improve Congressional oversight and prevent abuse of athletes and provides annual funding for the U.S. Center for Safesport.

**Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 7326, Protecting America from Spies Act**

- Date Introduced: June 25, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)
- Status: Referred to the Judiciary Committee
- Allows the Department of State to deny visas to individuals who have committed acts of espionage or intellectual property theft against the U.S.

**H.R. 7278, the JUSTICE Act**

- Date Introduced: June 18, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN)
- Status: Offered as the Republican alternative to the Democrats police reform bill, H.R. 7120, but was defeated as an amendment during committee consideration.

**Judiciary (cont.):**

- Reforms policing nationwide by requiring new training methods, funding for body cameras, requiring retention of disciplinary records and a review of the criminal justice system.

**H.R. 5862, Stop Greenlighting Driver Licenses for Illegal Immigrants Act**

- Date Introduced: February 12, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO)
- Status: Referred to the Judiciary Committee
- Prohibits a State from receiving certain federal law enforcement grants if it issues a driver's license to a person in the U.S. unlawfully or does not share immigration enforcement information with the Department of Homeland Security.

**H.R. 7895, the Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: July 31, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)
- Status: Referred to Judiciary Committee
- Modifies judicial review of agency actions for courts to decide de novo relevant questions of law; overturns Chevron deference.

**H.Res. 1138, a resolution against “packing the court”**

- Date Introduced: September 22, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)
- Status: Referred to the Judiciary Committee
- Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the number of Justices on the Supreme Court should remain at nine.

**H.R. 8301, Hold Rioters Accountable Act**

- Date Introduced: September 17, 2020
- Main Sponsors: Reps. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) and Jim Jordan (R-OH)
- Status: Referred to the Judiciary Committee
- Revokes federal aid to cities and states that do not prosecute people that were arrested for crimes committed during riots.

**H.R. 7181, Holding China Accountable Act**

- Date Introduced: June 11, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA)
- Status: Referred to the Judiciary and Financial Services Committees
- Prohibits certain Chinese nationals from receiving visas and requires higher education institutions to disclose certain foreign gifts.

**Labor:****Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 7804, the Back to Work Child Care Grants Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: August 14, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY)
- Status: Referred to the Education and Labor Committee
- Establishes a grant program for child car providers in continuous operation prior to March 1, 2020.

**Oversight, Investigations, and Reform:****Legislation Introduced:****H.R. 8074, Veterans Health Care Stamp Act**

- Date Introduced: August 21, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Oversight and Reform, Veterans' Affairs Committees
- Creates a semipostal stamp to provide additional funding for veteran health care services.

**Legislation Signed onto:****H.R. 7065, to require States to certify a process for distributing Coronavirus Relief Funds to local governments**

- Date Introduced: June 1, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX)
- Status: Referred to the Oversight and Reform Committee
- Requires states to certify a process to distribute Coronavirus Relief Funds to local governments.

**H.R. 6652, Flexibility for Localities and Eligibility Expansion Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: May 1, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)
- Status: Referred to Oversight and Reform Committee
- Allows state, local, and tribal governments to use Coronavirus Relief Funds to offset revenue shortfalls due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Oversight, Investigations, and Reform (cont.):**

**H.R. 300, Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act**

- Date Introduced: January 8, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
- Status: Referred to the Oversight and Reform, Budget, and Rules Committees
- Requires federal agencies to consider the effects of federal regulations on state and local governments.

**Social Security/Retirement:**

**Legislation Signed onto:**

**H.R.5577, the No Social Security for Illegal Aliens Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: January 10, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Alabama)
- Status: Referred to the Ways and Means Committee
- Prohibits the distribution of Social Security benefits to illegal aliens who perform unauthorized work in the United States.

**Transportation and Infrastructure:**

**Legislation Signed onto:**

**H.R. 8345, Air Carrier Worker Support Extension Act of 2020**

- Date Introduced: September 22, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)
- Status: Referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services Committees
- Extends through March 2021 the airline Payroll Support Program that was initially authorized in the CARES Act to support retention of airline employees during the Coronavirus pandemic.

**H.R. 8360, Coronavirus Relief Fund Flexibility Act**

- Date Introduced: September 23, 2020
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)
- Status: Referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure and Oversight and Reform Committees
- Allows States the flexibility to determine how to spend Coronavirus Relief Funds while providing a 50% match for transportation projects begun in the next year.

**Veterans Affairs:**

**Legislation Signed onto:**

**H.R. 4305, the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers Act of 2019 (PAWS Act of 2019)**

- Date Introduced: September 12, 2019
- Main Sponsor: Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH)
- Status: Passed the House February 5, 2020
- This bill would establish a VA grant program provide service dogs to eligible veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

## Non-health Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 wins:

- Expands Telehealth Grant Program:
  - The bill appropriates an additional \$250 million to the FCC to carry out the temporary telehealth pilot program authorized under the CARES Act and requires that the Commission equitably distributes the funding to the extent feasible.
  - Includes 501(c)(6) organizations in the second round of PPP loans.
  - Fully funds Rip and Replace at \$1.9 billion to remove Huawei and ZTE equipment from our broadband and 5G networks.
  - Extends Coronavirus Relief Fund availability through 2021.
  - Funds border security at \$1.375 billion.
- Requires the Department of Interior to produce a report on the use of child labor, slavery, and human trafficking to extract critical minerals from foreign sources for export to the US.
  - Extends the 45Q carbon capture tax credit construction deadline until January 1, 2026.
- Reauthorizes federal pipeline safety statutes for three years.
- Includes Water Resources Development Act, which provides funding for critical water infrastructure.
- Promotes greater R&D into innovative energy systems.

In 2020, I led or signed 127 letters and 4 amicus briefs. I led 14 health care-related letters and signed 45. I led 14 letters focused on either trade, foreign affairs, defense, technology, and the Coronavirus and signed 54. The amicus briefs concerned supporting pro-life health care, religious freedom, domestic violence, and election integrity. Below is a sampling of these letters.

## Letters I Led:

- On March 10, 2020, I led a Texas delegation letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma voicing concerns about the impact of the proposed 2019 Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation on the Texas Medicaid program.
- In May 2020, I sent five letters to Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health Chairwoman Anna Eshoo requesting hearings on improvement of the Strategic National Stockpile, the impact of COVID-19 on mental health, the racial disparities related to COVID-19, the testing and Personal Protective Equipment demand, and the Provider Relief Fund.
- On August 3, 2020, I sent a letter with Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL) to House leadership requesting they include a fix for contact lens prescription verification robocalls in any year-end legislation, particularly by taking up our bill, H.R. 3975, the Contact Lens Prescription Verification Modernization Act.
- On November 6, 2020, I sent a letter to National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow requesting the administration investigate the French Government's decision to delay a deal for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) between a French power company and an American LNG exporter.

## Letters I Signed:

- On May 18, 2020, I signed a letter to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar requesting HHS remove restrictions on physician-owned hospitals qualifying as high Medicaid Facilities.
- On October 29, 2020, I signed a letter to National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Richard Hodes requesting information on NIH Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative to better contain outbreaks and reopen the economy.
- On December 3, 2020, I signed a letter to House leadership requesting they address impending cuts in the calendar year 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule in any year-end legislation.
- On May 4, August 21, and September 24, 2020, I signed letters to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and President Trump, respectively, supporting the United Nations arms embargo against Iran, supporting the invocation of Iran deal snap back sanctions, and requesting the imposition of sanctions on Iran's financial sector.
- On June 5, 2020, I signed a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo asking for the imposition of sanctions on two Russian entities working to complete the Nord Stream 2 pipeline between Russia and Germany.
- On June 15, 2020, I signed a letter to President Trump requesting he include China in any nuclear arms negotiations with Russia to eliminate the threat of nuclear war with the two countries.
- On June 22, 2020, I signed a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reaffirming United States' support for Israel.

**Letters I Signed (cont):**

- On October 16 and October 20, 2020, I signed letters to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone, respectively, asking questions about Twitter’s suppression of Hunter Biden-related tweets and requesting a hearing on social media censorship.
- On December 4, 2020, I signed a letter to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin urging Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service to finalize and publish regulations for Section 45Q tax credits for carbon dioxide sequestration.
- On December 9, 2020, I signed a letter to House leadership requesting that Congress include a fix to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that allows forgiven PPP loans to be tax deductible, as Congress intended.
- On December 11, 2020, I signed an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in support of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton’s lawsuit against Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin, for election law violations.
- On December 14, 2020, I signed a Texas delegation letter to Secretary of the Army Barrett in support of San Antonio being the home of the new U.S. Space Command.
- On December 14, 2020, I led a letter to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator Pekoske requesting that TSA implement training programs for TSA officials to recognize “communication impediment” designations on identification cards and to provide accommodations during the security screening process.
- On December 16, 2020, I sent a letter to Speaker Pelosi requesting she immediately remove Rep. Eric Swalwell from his position on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for his previous contacts with a Chinese spy.
- On December 17, 2020, I signed a letter to Secretary of State Pompeo in support of renaming the Taiwan representative office in the United States, enhancing diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and requesting negotiation on a bilateral free trade agreement with Taiwan.

**Letters I Signed (cont):**

- On December 18, 2020, I signed a Texas delegation letter to President Trump in support of San Antonio being the home of the new U.S. Space Command.
- On December 20, 2020, I signed a letter to Speaker Pelosi and Leader Kevin McCarthy requesting no changes to current regulations that exempt Member of Congress from Capitol Police Board regulations prohibiting firearms on Capitol property.
- On December 22, 2020, I signed a letter to Attorney General Barr and ATF Director Lombardo requesting they rescind ATF guidance that would result in ATF banning stabilizing braces for firearms.

**Other topics include:**

- 21 letters focused on securing Coronavirus relief aid for North Texans
- Creating a new vehicle class for autocycles
- Requesting motorcycle helmets be kept off a tariff list
- Supporting the Army’s Future Vertical Lift program
- Funding for the American University of Afghanistan
- Supporting efforts to modernize the National Environmental Review Act process
- 2 letters seeking disaster assistance for Texas
- Requesting funding for Ukraine foreign aid programs
- Requesting no funding for foreign abortion services – the Mexico City policy
- Requesting funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Supporting the Department of Energy’s effort to utilize the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for Coronavirus relief
- Requesting funding for 5G development and deployment; including “rip and replace” of Huawei and ZTE in U.S. networks
- Urging China to buy U.S. crude oil
- Supporting Fort Worth and San Antonio as potential new locations for the U.S. Space Command
- Questioning the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) limiting third-party processors’ ability to assist in the eForms submission process
- Expressing concern with the lumber shortage in the housing industry

### **September 2020 Friend of Farm Bureau Award**

In September 2020, I was awarded the Farm Bureau Federation's Friend of Farm Bureau Award for the 116th Congress. This award is based on support for farm bureau policy positions as supported by a strong voting record. Members are nominated by their respective state Farm Bureaus and approved by the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Throughout my career I have supported America's farmers, ranchers, and food security for American consumers.

### **October 2020 Congressional Management Foundation Democracy Award**

In October 2020, I was presented with the Congressional Management Foundation's Democracy Award for Transparency and Accountability. This award recognizes Congressional offices that have enhanced constituent relations and accessible information about the office's work and performance. I publish an annual year-end report that serves as a stakeholders' report for constituents. I ensure that I and my staff are always accessible to the constituents of the 26th district of Texas. These steps ensure that my work and service to Texans is transparent and accountable.

### **October 2020 Tax Fighter Award**

In October 2020, I received the Tax Fighter Award from the National Tax-Limitation Committee (NTLC) for earning an "A" on their scorecard. The NTLC scores members based on key votes on tax, budget, and appropriation measures that would have a major impact on long-term taxing and spending programs. I received a score of 85%, with 100% being most favorable to the taxpayer, for the 116th Congress.

### **October 2020 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award**

In October 2020, the National Federation of Independent Business awarded me the 116th Congress Guardian of Small Business Award for my strong, pro-small business voting record. The Guardian of Small Business is awarded to members of Congress who vote with small business 70% or more of the time on key small business issues.