

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 31, 2014 “Election Day”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week, I come to you with a friendly reminder to get out and vote this coming Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The right to vote in America is a privilege that we take for granted all too often. Our system of democracy has prevailed for all these generations in part because each and every American is allowed to make his or her voice heard in each election. It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from or what you do for a living. Your vote counts. We must not forget how rare a freedom that once was, and still is in many parts of the world.

This is an important election. The times in which we live are trying, and the issues are complex. It critically important that we elect leaders who have our best interest in mind. Leaders who are ethical and make decisions based on the values of the communities for which they serve. And leaders who are strong enough to deal with the tough challenges we are faced with in today's society.

I came to Congress as a doctor who wanted to work on issues that affected my practice and my patients. But since I have been in Congress, my job has become much more than that. It is not always easy, but it is always an honor to serve you all in the House of Representatives. It is a privilege I do not take for granted.

So, get out and vote this Tuesday. Tell your friends to do the same. Take your children and talk to them about the importance of voting in America. And no matter what your political persuasion is, remember that your voice is important to be heard. You are part of the conversation, and your vote matters greatly.

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