

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address January 22, 2016
“Senate Fails to Keep Americans SAFE”

Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

Over the past few months, many of you have reached out to my office to express your concern about the vetting process for allowing Syrian and Iraqi refugees to enter into the United States.

The House of Representatives acted swiftly to address this threat to American safety, through legislation known as the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act.

This bill took the first steps to strengthen the refugee vetting process.

It would hold our top national security officials responsible for the refugees that they will allow into this country—requiring they certify to Congress that these individuals are not a threat.

Late last year, FBI Director James Comey admitted to a room of Members of Congress that the U.S. lacks an adequate vetting system to ensure there is no risk of letting terrorist sympathizers slip through the cracks.

The SAFE Act would have held the Obama Administration responsible for the holes in the refugee vetting system.

However, this week Senate Democrats shorted the legislative process and blocked a vote on this bill.

Because they stood with the President’s policies and didn’t allow the legislative process to proceed as designed—the Senate was barred from holding a debate on the Senate floor.

Protecting the American people and ensuring their safety, at all costs, is arguably the greatest responsibility of our federal government.

The House of Representatives sent the Senate a veto proof majority to protect our country from terrorists exploiting the refugee program—and the Senate failed to act.

And in turn—is failing to secure our nation.

As always, I appreciate your comments and questions on this issue.

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