

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address December 29, 2016

“A Year in Review”

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

As 2016 comes to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect back on this year's work and accomplishments. This week I released my 2016 year-end report.

Each year, I assemble this review to quantify every function of both my Washington, D.C. and Lake Dallas offices – as well as my legislative accomplishments over the last year.

Just like my weekly video addresses, this is part of my commitment to transparency and keeping you informed on how I am representing and serving you. It also aids in identifying areas in which I could improve upon in the coming year.

One of the most important parts of my job as your representative in Congress is to help you gain access to and cut through red-tape when dealing with the federal government. In 2016, I was able to assist over 450 residents from the 26th district with an issue they were having involving a federal agency. Additionally, I was able to resolve nearly 500 cases before the close of the year.

These heavily addressed issues with accessing benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, the IRS and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The best way for me to accurately represent you here in Congress is to hear from you. Your concerns, opinions and priorities are all important to me and your voice is being heard every time you contact me and my office. This year, I communicated with more than 39,000 North Texans who reached out to me.

Additionally, my office was heavily involved in advancing legislation focused on issues such as increasing patient access to effective health care and protecting consumers from burdensome and unnecessary regulation.

The entire 2016 report can be found on my website at [burgess dot house dot gov](http://burgess.house.gov).

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on the year-end report or any other issues. I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. May God bless you and your family, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.