

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address April 11, 2014 “GOP Budget”

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Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week, the House considered the FY 2015 Republican Budget Resolution.

The president released his budget last month. But the President’s budget disregarded all the hard work and compromise done by the Congress to get our spending under control and fund the government in a responsible way.

It is important to remember that the Congress, not the White House, holds the ‘power of the purse.’ While we have come to expect type of behavior from the Obama administration, we do not have to accept it. In turn, the House abided by the budget caps for fiscal year 2015, which were put into place by law.

The House budget cuts spending by more than \$5 trillion, balances the budget in 10 years, and puts us on a path to pay off our debt. It also expands opportunity through reforms in tax, domestic energy production and regulatory reform that will grow our economy. It increases defense spending to give our troops, who voluntarily put their lives on the line, the support they need to carry out their missions. It repeals Obamacare. And finally, it strengthens the safety net to help the people who have been most hurt by the Obama economy get back on their feet.

Is an austere budget necessary – I believe it is. So it’s time to tighten our belts and make do with what we have, just like so many American families have had to do. That is what this budget does. In contrast, the president’s budget included tax hikes, more spending, and no plan to balance the budget – ever.

In six years, the Obama administration has added nearly \$7 trillion to the federal debt. That’s nearly \$4 billion a day. Putting that type of financial burden on our children and grandchildren is unfair. Potentially leading a great nation into decline is shameful. But not balancing an out-of-control budget in spite of all of that is undeniably irresponsible.

It’s time to hold Washington accountable, reduce wasteful spending, and get on a path to sanity. The status quo is not working, and it’s time Washington stops pretending it is.

As always, I appreciate your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.