

# 26TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



2012  
YEAR END ANNUAL REPORT  
*WORKING FOR NORTH TEXAS*

Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D.

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### SNAPSHOT OF 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in 49 hearings in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Participated in 6 Joint Economic Committee hearings
- Participated in 15 markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Cast 612 votes, 97.7% vote attendance record
- Co-sponsored 41 bills
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- Received and responded to over 39,000 pieces of correspondence
- Traveled over 4,200 miles in North Texas
- Held or attended over 500 events
- Requested over 3,179 tours on behalf of constituents
- Hosted 24 interns in my Washington, D.C. and Texas offices
- Assisted in having 79 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol
- Mentioned in 2,236 newspaper articles or blogs
- Interviewed 115 times by newspapers and magazines
- Conducted 193 radio interviews
- Participated in 71 television interviews

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# WELCOME MESSAGE



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515**

January 2013

Dear Fellow Texan:

With the 112th Congress coming to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank you and say that it is an honor to represent you in the United States House of Representatives. I have done my best to advocate on behalf of your interests. I have never forgotten that my service to our country is because of you, and I appreciate the opportunity you have afforded me.

Over the course of the year I've met with constituents and businesses across the 26th District. I've heard directly from you about the concerns and the challenges our country is facing. Many of you told me that you are concerned about job creation, our economy, and the overall direction in which our country is going. I have always kept your comments in mind when voting on legislation and participating in Congressional hearings.

For the past few years, I have compiled this report and made it available to the public so that you can see the work my office has completed over the course of the year. I hope that you will find this report informative and that you will continue to let me know your thoughts on important issues. While we were able to accomplish a lot during 2012, there is still work to be done.

As we move to the next Congress, we must continue to focus on job creation and putting Americans back to work. We must also address the federal government's out of control spending. Look, we need a government that is efficient, less expensive, and more responsive – not a government that continually overspends and puts burdensome regulations on small businesses. I ran a small business, my medical practice in Lewisville, and I believe the best thing the federal government can do is get out of the way and let businesses create jobs.

As your congressman, I am committed to working to promote a pro-growth, pro-job creation agenda that will put people back to work, cut the national debt, and get the economy growing again. As America continues to face hardships we must remind ourselves that a better road is ahead. With dedication and commitment, we can build this great country back, and we can create a better future for our children and grandchildren.

As President Lincoln said, "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies." This year is no exception, and next year will be even better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Burgess". Below the signature, the text "Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D." is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

## ABOUT ME



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After spending nearly three decades practicing medicine in North Texas I have served the constituents of the 26th District since 2003 in the United States House of Representatives.

I currently serve on the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee and in the 113th Congress, 2013 and 2014, will serve as the Vice Chairman of both the Subcommittee on Health and the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, and as a member of the Energy and Power Subcommittee. In addition, I am a member of the Rules Committee and the Helsinki Commission. In 2009, I founded, and currently serve as Chairman of the Congressional Health Care Caucus.

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 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 products from coming into the country.

As a Member of Congress representing one of the fastest growing areas of the country, transportation is also a top priority. In 2005, I successfully amended the Highway Bill to include development credits, design-build, and environmental streamlining. During my time on Capitol Hill, I have worked to build, maintain, and improve the safety of our roads, bridges, air service, and transit in the North Texas region.

A fiscal conservative, I believe Americans deserve a federal government that is more efficient, effective, less costly, and always transparent. I follow a strict adherence to the Constitution, and oppose unnecessary expansion of the federal government's control over Americans' personal freedoms. Instead, I believe in giving people more control over their lives and their money.

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 by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); the Spirit of Enterprise award by 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 Dallas County and 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 received my M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and completed my residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. I also received a master's degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May of 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 39 years. We have three children and two grandsons.

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

I am a member of the [House Energy and Commerce Committee](#), the oldest legislative standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and considered to be one of the most powerful committees as well. This committee has wide-ranging jurisdiction, presiding over all matters relating to telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health, air quality and environmental health, the supply and delivery of energy, and interstate and foreign commerce in general.

This jurisdiction extends over five cabinet-level departments (U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency) and many independent agencies (Federal Trade Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). During the 113th Congress, 2013 and 2014, I will serve in the following positions:

- **Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Health.** Jurisdiction for this subcommittee includes: public health and quarantine, hospital construction, mental health and research, biomedical programs and health protection in general, including public and private health insurance, food and drugs, and drug abuse.
- **Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.** Jurisdiction for this subcommittee includes: responsibility for oversight of agencies, departments, and programs within the jurisdiction of the full committee, and for conducting investigations within such jurisdiction.
- **Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Power.** Jurisdiction for this subcommittee includes: general national energy policy, fossil energy, renewable energy resources and synthetic fuels, energy conservation, energy information, energy regulation and utilization, utility issues and regulation of nuclear facilities, interstate energy compacts, nuclear energy, The Clean Air Act and air emissions, and all laws, programs, and government activities affecting such matters.

In addition, I am a member of the [Rules Committee](#).

## HISTORY OF THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The history of the Committee on Energy and Commerce is the story of American prosperity and opportunity. The Committee on Energy and Commerce, the oldest standing legislative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, is vested with the broadest jurisdiction of any congressional authorizing committee. The committee was formed on December 14, 1795, as the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures when the growing demands of the young nation required that Congress establish a permanent panel to exercise its constitutional authority to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States."

As the new United States grew and Congress created new committees to deal with expanding policy concerns, the committee asserted and maintained its dominant central position as the House's monitor of commercial progress. The evolution of the committee's name and jurisdiction reflect the committee's growing role and focus. In 1819, it became the Committee on Commerce in recognition that the committee had expanded beyond the creation of navigational aids and oversight of the nascent federal health service to include foreign trade policy. The name changed again in 1891, becoming the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. That durable title sufficed for 90 years, when the committee assumed its present name in 1981 to emphasize its lead role in the nation's energy policy.

The committee's prominent place in Congress is the direct consequence of the men and women who served there and who kept pace with the changing world for more than two centuries. Today, the wide-ranging work accomplished by the Committee on Energy and Commerce builds on a breathtaking record of achievement that began with building lighthouses and supervising the federal government's health service for sick and disabled seamen, a function that developed into the Public Health Service and National Institutes of Health. The committee's overarching role in health, safety, and commerce can be traced to passage of milestone legislation like the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Federal Trade Commission Act. The essence of the work of ensuring economic growth now encompasses responsibility for the myriad of issues that arise daily in the unfolding digital age.

## CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

A Congressional caucus, also known as a Congressional Member Organization, is a group of members of the United States Congress that meets to pursue common legislative objectives and can be bi-partisan and contain members of both houses. Because a caucus is comprised of members with similar ideas and goals, they can be extremely important and powerful.

- Bi-Partisan Congressional Privacy Caucus
- Bi-Partisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease
- Bi-Partisan Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
- Coalition for Autism Research and Education
- Congressional Affordable Medicines Caucus
- Congressional Afghan Caucus
- Congressional Allergy and Asthma Caucus
- Congressional Anti-Terrorism Caucus
- Congressional Army Caucus
- Congressional Automotive Performance & Motorsports Caucus
- Congressional General Aviation Caucus
- Congressional Balanced Budget Amendment Caucus
- Congressional Boating Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on Community Health Centers
- Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans
- Congressional Caucus on Nordic Countries
- Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease
- Congressional Caucus on Sovereignty
- Congressional Diabetes Caucus
- Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus
- Congressional Dyslexia Caucus
- Congressional Efficiency Caucus
- Congressional Flat Tax Caucus (Chair)
- Congressional Health Care Caucus (Chair)
- Congressional Horse Caucus
- Congressional High Technology Caucus
- Congressional Mental Health Caucus
- Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Congressional Navy and Marine Corps Caucus
- Congressional Osteoporosis Caucus (Co-Chair)
- Congressional Pakistan Caucus
- Congressional Research and Development Caucus
- Congressional Romania Caucus
- Congressional Southwest Border Caucus
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- Congressional United Services Organization Caucus
- Congressional Western Caucus
- GOP Doctors Caucus
- House Air Force Caucus
- House Agriculture Energy Users Caucus
- House Bike Caucus
- House Biofuels Caucus
- House General Aviation Caucus
- House Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucus
- House Tea Party Caucus
- Immigration Reform Caucus
- Military Veterans Caucus
- National Guard and Reserve components Caucus
- Next Gen 9-1-1 Caucus
- Republican New Media Caucus
- Zero Capital Gains Tax Caucus

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR ETHICAL CONDUCT

As a Member of Congress, I have an open door policy for any constituent of the 26th District of Texas to meet with me or my staff in my [Texas office](#) or my [Washington, D.C. office](#). Other persons or groups representing communities, large or small businesses or themselves with concerns impacting the 26th District are welcome to [request a meeting with me](#) and my staff as well. I do my very best to try and schedule as many meetings and events as possible in a timely fashion.

Such meetings or event requests are based upon need and availability and no other outside influences are taken into consideration. I take my job as a representative of the people of the 26th District very seriously, and I believe that when I am called upon to make a decision, the only voices that I look to for input are those residing within the borders of the district I represent.

The people of the 26th District have entrusted me with the responsibility of this office and I am honored to have that trust. An important part of this role is transparency. As the steward of this congressional office, it is my fiduciary duty to ensure that I conduct my personal dealings and the business of this office both ethically and with dignity. Each year I provide my [Financial Disclosure](#) to the U.S. House of Representatives as required. Additionally, each quarter the U.S. House of Representatives produces a [Statement of Disbursements](#) which provide specific information concerning the expenses and disbursements for each office. I believe it is important to be accountable and provide transparency in the dealings of our elected officials and government offices.

## STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT PRINCIPLES

One of the most important things I do as your U.S. Representative is help you gain access to and information about the federal government. Although I cannot override the decisions made by a federal agency, I can often intervene on a constituent's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape.

- **How May I Help?** – When a federal agency has failed to respond in a timely manner to a request for assistance or has otherwise been unwilling to provide a level of relief that agency regulations appear to support, a Congressional Inquiry may be utilized to seek a response. While a favorable reply cannot always be promised, every review and consideration will be afforded based on the merits of the agency concern to seek either a resolution or an explanation of the limiting legal guidelines the agency must follow in relation to your concern.
- **Review** – Together we will clarify the issue, identify your progress within the inquiry process, and develop a strategy to assist you in the most efficient pursuit of your goal. My office will serve as a mediator to ensure that your request is provided for full review and consideration by the appropriate officials.
- **Closure** – We will pursue an answer to either provide a satisfactory resolution to your concern or a clear explanation of the limiting legal guidelines that prevent the agency from providing the desired answer.
- **Empower** – We will seek to identify resources that may be helpful in further supporting and documenting your claim so you can maximize your appeal rights and other avenues that may be available for further assistance. Through this process I will seek to provide excellence in service of the constituent needs related to the agencies of the government.

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS

I have a strong moral philosophy that guides my life and informs the manner in which I represent the State of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every vote I cast in Congress starts with you, the people of the 26th District of Texas. I was sent by the people of our district to Washington not to promote any personal agenda, but to bring your voice to our nation's capital. Before each vote I ask myself, "is the measure before us necessary, good for our district and our state, is this something my neighbors want, and is it allowed under the Constitution?" I always review your phone calls, emails, and letters before a vote to ensure that I continue to be in touch with your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

Our federal government was meant to protect the unalienable rights articulated in the Declaration of Independence. Thus, I will only support legislation that protects your constitutional rights and liberties and is allowed under the powers given to Congress under the Constitution. I also oppose legislation that is redundant, unnecessarily expands government control over our freedom, or increases the role of the federal government in your life.

In addition, I am committed to protecting your pocketbook. I will not support legislation that hurts the economy, slows job growth, raises taxes, or burdens the taxpayers of today or tomorrow with greater debt. Taxpayers deserve a federal government that is more efficient, less costly, and always transparent.

I am fiscally and socially conservative, and I believe that the federal government must be responsible to the people – not the other way around. Whether through my support for a balanced budget that pays down our national debt, ensuring a strong national defense, or giving people more control over their lives and their money, I am committed to shrinking the size of government to only what is necessary to assure your freedom and protect your rights.

## REDISTRICTING - WHAT DO THE LINES MEAN?

Every ten years, the Constitution requires a census to be taken and Congressional districts to be reapportioned. That is, Congressional districts must be reconfigured so that each district in a state contains roughly the same number of people. That is one of the ways the federal government guarantees that every citizen gets equal representation. The last census was conducted in 2010, with data made available to each state in 2011, so that each state could draw new lines for their Congressional districts.

Using the new census data, the Legislative Redistricting Board drew new boundary lines for Texas' Congressional districts. When they drew the lines in 2001, there were approximately 21 million Texans. By 2011, Texas' population grew so much that it was necessary to create four new Congressional districts, giving Texas 36 total Congressional districts. In 2000, the 26th District had approximately 656,000 constituents. The new lines drawn for the 26th District, include just over 698,000 constituents.

To help you understand how this might affect you, we've prepared a map below where you can roughly see how the new district lines compare to the current district lines. The current district is show in blue, and the new district is shown in purple. They overlap to create a red area. While constituents voted within the new boundaries in 2012, the Congressional representation changed for 2013.

This means that if you live in the purple area, you will have no change in your Congressional district between 2012 and 2013. If you live in one of the blue areas, you voted in a new district in 2012, and the Member of Congress for that area is your Congressional representative in 2013. Conversely, if you live in one of the red areas, you are a new constituent of the 26th District in January 2013.



### Still in the 26th District in 2013

- Argyle
- Aubrey
- Bartonville
- Copper Canyon
- Corinth
- Corral City
- Cross Roads
- Denton
- DISH
- Double Oak
- Flower Mound
- Fort Worth
- Frisco
- Hackberry
- Hickory Creek
- Highland Village
- Justin
- Keller
- Krugerville
- Krum
- Lake Dallas
- Lakewood Village
- Lewisville
- Lincoln Park
- Little Elm
- North Richland Hills
- Northlake
- Oak Point
- Pilot Point
- Ponder
- Roanoke
- Sanger
- Shady Shores
- The Colony
- Trophy Club

### New to the 26th District in 2013

- Haltom City
- Haslet
- Watauga

### Leaving the 26th District in 2013

- Callisburg
- Coppell
- Everman
- Forest Hill
- Gainesville
- Hurst
- Lake Kiowa
- Oak Ridge
- Richland Hills
- Southlake

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# ABOUT THE 26TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Texas' 26th United States Congressional District is located in the heart of North Texas. The 26th District includes most of [Denton County](#) as well as large portions of [Tarrant County](#), and a sliver of [Dallas County](#).

- In Dallas County, I represent the city of [Irving](#).
- In Denton County, I represent the cities of [Argyle](#), [Aubrey](#), [Bartonville](#), [Copper Canyon](#), [Corinth](#), [Corral City](#), [Cross Roads](#), [Denton](#), [DISH](#), [Double Oak](#), [Flower Mound](#), [Frisco](#), [Hackberry](#), [Haslet](#), [Hickory Creek](#), [Highland Village](#), [Justin](#), [Krugerville](#), [Krum](#), [Lake Dallas](#), [Lakewood Village](#), [Lewisville](#), [Lincoln Park](#), [Little Elm](#), [Northlake](#), [Oak Point](#), [Pilot Point](#), [Ponder](#), [Roanoke](#), [Sanger](#), [Shady Shores](#), [The Colony](#), and [Trophy Club](#).
- In Tarrant County, I represent the cities of [Haltom City](#), [Haslet](#), [Keller](#), [North Richland Hills](#), [Watauga](#), [Westlake](#), and [Fort Worth](#).

The 26th United States Congressional District of Texas continues to flourish. Rapid growth and business expansions from Dallas and the Tarrant County area make the District a thriving economic center. [The University of North Texas](#), [Texas Woman's University](#), and [North Central Texas College](#) anchor a large student base within the District.

The 26th District is also home to the [Barnett Shale](#), the largest field of natural gas reserves in the country, which supports local economic development, jobs, and provides clean energy to the region and the country. Agriculture plays an important role in the 26th District. Ranchers raise horses, beef cattle, sheep and goats, while farmers grow corn, wheat, hay, and other crops. The impact of farming and ranching results in thousands of jobs and a contribution of hundreds of millions of dollars to the regional and statewide economies.

The 26th District is home to the [Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VI Headquarters](#) in Denton, Texas, which provides assistance to a five-state region: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. Its mission is to reduce the loss of life and property, and to protect institutions through an emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. It is also home to the Denton Mobile Emergency Response Support Detachment.

Housing the I-35 East and West corridors, the 26th Congressional District is a vital artery for Texas and international transportation. The District houses both the Lakeview Airport, Lane Field Airport, [Denton Municipal Airport](#), [Northwest Regional Airport](#), and [Alliance Airport](#). The 26th also sports the [Texas Motor Speedway](#), which hosts two Nextel-NASCAR events in the spring and fall.

Denton was named a runner-up for the award of one of the [Best Small Towns in America: 2012](#), in the category of "Most Fun".



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## SNAPSHOT OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Number of cases opened with various federal agencies:

- Social Security - 71
- Veterans Affairs - 158
- IRS - 37
- Citizenship and Immigration Services - 56
- Mortgage - 48
- Various other agencies - 185

Constituent Correspondence:

- Over 39,000 pieces of correspondence received

Events and Meetings:

- Traveled over 4,200 miles in North Texas
- Held or attended over 500 events
- Held 3 town hall meetings, 2 telephone town hall meetings, and 2 Facebook town hall meetings

Tours requested on behalf of constituents:

- White House - 1,721 people
- U.S. Capitol - 1,467 people

Other Services Provided:

- Hosted 24 interns in my Washington, D.C. and Texas offices
- Assisted in having 79 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol

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## TOURS, INTERNSHIPS, AND ASSISTANCE

One of the most important things I do as your U.S. Representative is help you gain access to and information about the federal government. Although I cannot override the decisions made by a federal agency, I can often intervene on a person's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape. Throughout 2012, more than 555 constituents from the district received assistance in the form of a congressional inquiry to address an issue or concern with a federal agency. Some of the more frequent topics I assisted with included benefits from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and mortgage issues. In addition, my office assisted 1,500 constituents with various non-legislative issues. Denton County had the largest amount of constituent inquiries, followed by Tarrant County and Cooke County.

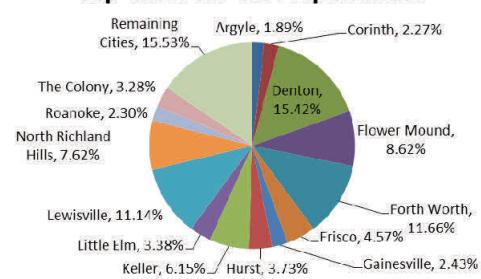
During 2012, over 3,598 people received a tour from a request that was made through my office. In addition, my office assisted in having 79 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. My Washington, D.C. and Texas offices hosted 24 interns from such schools as the University of North Texas, Texas Wesleyan University, Texas Women's University, Texas Christian Academy, University of Texas Dallas, University of Texas San Antonio, Texas Tech University, and Baylor University.

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH NORTH TEXANS

Since the beginning of 2012, over 39,000 North Texans have contacted me through email, letters, phone calls, and faxes to express their concerns and communicate their opinions to me over various topics. Health care was by far the most common topic of communication with over 5,200 pieces of mail received. This issue was followed by people expressing their concerns over judiciary issues, including immigration, with over 4,500 pieces of mail. In addition, I received over 4,100 pieces of correspondence regarding budget and taxes.

Additionally, in May of 2012, I wrote to 10,800 North Texas high school graduates to congratulate them upon completing their high school career and obtaining their high school diploma from one of the high schools in the 26th District.

Top Cities for Correspondence



## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

In 2012, I traveled over 4,200 miles in North Texas. I held or attended over 500 events, including 22 Chamber of Commerce meetings, 180 health care related meetings and events, and 331 meetings that covered everything from transportation, the economy, energy, and education. Some events include: the biennial Denton, Lewisville, Flower Mound, and Highland Village Chamber Washington D.C. Fly In, the USS Fort Worth Christening, the Denton Kiwanis Pancake breakfast, and the North Texas Soup & Bowl.

Over the course of the year I held three town hall meetings across North Texas: Denton, Keller/Fort Worth, and Flower Mound. I also held two telephone town hall meetings and two Facebook town hall meetings. In addition, I held four summits that brought leaders from the local, state and federal levels together to address key issues facing North Texans.

Emergency Preparedness Summit: Held on April 14th at Guyer High School in Denton. The keynote speaker was Dan Henry, Chief Meteorologist for Fox 4. The event featured two panels of experts from local, state, and federal organizations that provided information on weather and disaster preparedness. In addition, there was a large fair with indoor booths and outdoor exhibits where weather and disaster specific organizations presented and distributed pertinent consumer information. A highlight of the summit was the appearance and demonstration of a canine team from the Search Dog Foundation, a national organization that partners rescued dogs with first responders to locate people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.

Energy Efficiency Summit: Held on July 14th at the University of North Texas Business Leadership Building in Denton. The keynote speaker was Texas Railroad Commissioner David J. Porter. The summit featured two panels. The first panel focused on ways to save energy in design and construction of buildings and houses, and the second panel discussed energy efficiency in mobility. There was also a fair with booths providing energy-related information and resources.

Economic Development Summit: Held on September 28th at Texas Wesleyan University, Lou's Place Pavilion, in Fort Worth. The keynote speaker was Richard Fisher, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The event featured updates from Fort Worth City Council members Kelley Allen Gray, Frank Moss and Danny Scarth as well as brief remarks by State Senator Wendy Davis, State Representative Marc Veasey, Tarrant County Commissioner Roy C. Brooks and former Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief. Successful economic development at Texas Wesleyan University was outlined by President Fred Slabach and the Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic's operations were highlighted by Jennifer Purdy, Director for Outpatient Services for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. I provided a retrospective of the past eight Economic Development Summits I have hosted to focus attention and facilitate development in East and Southeast Fort Worth.

Transportation Summit: The 10th annual Transportation Summit was co-hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and held on November 26th at the University of North Texas Apogee Stadium in Denton. Keynote speaker was Representative Steven LaTourette (OH-14), Vice-Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. Presenters included Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Moseley and Michael Morris, Transportation Director at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The summit focused on North Texas transportation projects, and included informative panel discussions by local and state TxDOT officials and local officials regarding MAP-21, the 2012 federal transportation law.



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### 2012 Congressional Veteran Commendation

On November 8th, I held the 8th presentation of the [Congressional Veteran Commendation](#) at Highland Village Business Association and the City of Highland Village “Salute Our Veterans” luncheon. Below are the recipients:

- Robert Baird (Lieutenant Colonel - U.S. Army) of Lantana
- Victor Durrance (Sergeant - U.S. Army Air Force) of Gainesville
- Andrew Fortunato (Lieutenant Colonel - U.S. Marine Corps) of Keller
- Joe Gray (Colonel - U.S. Army) of North Richland Hills
- Mugg Pawless (Private First Class - U.S. Army) of Gainesville

### U.S. Service Academies

On April 21st, I co-hosted the North Texas Academies Forum with nine other congressional offices to inform high school students of the U.S. Service Academies. Over 500 students and parents attended. The 26th District Service Academy Board, chaired by Lt. General Charles R. Hamm, retired former Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, recommends for nomination qualified service academy candidates by conducting comprehensive screenings and personal interviews. In June, I [recognized sixteen students](#) residing in the 26th District of Texas who accepted appointments to the U.S. Service Academies.

### 10th Annual High School Art Competition: “An Artistic Discovery”

In May, I honored all student participating in the of the [10th Annual High School Art Competition: “An Artistic Discovery”](#) during a reception at the Center for the Visual Arts in Denton hosted by the art competition’s co-sponsor, The Greater Denton Arts Council. The juried competition was judged by professional artist and instructor Jo Williams.

Katherine Choi, a junior at Flower Mound High School, won Grand Prize in the competition with her oil painting entitled “Through the Buildings.” Her artwork is displayed for an entire year in the U.S. Capitol. First place was awarded to Nadia Rosales, a junior at Ryan High School in Denton. Brooks Morrow, a senior at Marcus High School, placed second. Third place winner was Madison McDaniel, a senior at Keller High School.

For the first time, this year’s entries were submitted digitally by art teachers on behalf of their students. This provided an opportunity for a new public category: the “Texas Choice” winner selected by popular vote in the virtual gallery on my website. Over 3,800 individuals cast votes for their favorite artwork; Katherine Choi was the winner.



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## SPONSORED LEGISLATION

- [H.R.1040](#): Amends the Internal Revenue Code to authorize an individual or a person engaged in business activity to make an irrevocable election to be subject to a flat tax (in lieu of the existing tax provisions) of 19% for the first two years after an election is made, and 17% thereafter. The latest Freedom Flat Tax Act is a significant update to previous versions of the bill, and is a viable option in the tax reforms being discussed. We doubled the number of cosponsors for this legislation since the last congress, and I re-established the Flat Tax Caucus to promote the ideas of the flat tax and tax reform.
- [H.R. 5800](#): Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to encourage states to establish and maintain laws to require disclosure of information on hospital charges, to make such information available to the public, and to provide individuals with information about estimated out-of-pocket costs for health care services.
- [H.R. 5863](#): Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to make any federal government official who is responsible for the issuance of an innovative technology loan guarantee that violates the requirements of such Act personally liable for a civil penalty in an amount of at least \$10,000 but no more than \$50,000 for each violation.

## SPONSORED LEGISLATION CONTINUED

- [H.R. 5950](#): Amends the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from authorizing any person to: (1) operate an unmanned aircraft system, also known as a drone, in the national airspace system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property; or (2) manufacture, sell, or distribute a drone (or a component of one) for such a use.
- [H.R. 6001](#): Prohibits the Secretary of Homeland Security from granting a work authorization to an alien who has been determined, in a valid immigration proceeding during which due process was afforded, to have been at any time unlawfully present in the United States.
- [H.R. 6002](#): Amends the Federal Aviation Administration Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to prescribe an additional requirement that a maintenance provider authorized to approve the return to service of aircraft or aircraft parts may perform regularly scheduled maintenance and inspections outside the United States on domestic passenger aircraft only if the provider: (1) is able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language; and (2) holds an airmen certificate (other than flight crew members). It also requires that supervisors who approve the maintenance performed overseas are certified to U.S. standards.
- [H.R. 6142](#): Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to extend for one year the Medicare physician payment rates without change.
- [H.R. 6190](#): Directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to grant a waiver to the Montreal Protocol that would allow for the distribution, sale, and consumption in the United States of remaining inventories of over-the-counter CFC epinephrine inhalers which were taken off the shelves on January 1, 2012.
- [H.R. 6283](#): Enables states to establish reinsurance programs or high risk pools to ensure that high risk individuals are able to access health insurance.
- [H.R. 6482](#): Amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.
- [H.R. 6589](#): Designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 East California Street in Gainesville, Texas as the "Brig. Gen. Robert E. Galer Post Office Building."

## SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT HAS ADVANCED

- [H.R. 6190](#): To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to allow for the distribution, sale, and consumption in the United States of remaining inventories of over-the-counter CFC epinephrine inhalers. On July 18 and 19, 2012, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power met in open markup session and favorably reported the bill to the full committee by voice vote. No amendments were offered. On July 31, 2012 and August 1, 2012, the Committee on Energy and Commerce met in open markup session. Two amendments were offered but defeated by voice vote. On August 1, 2012, the committee ordered H.R. 6190 favorably reported to the House by voice vote.
- [H.R. 3206](#): To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise provisions related to financial interests of Food and Drug Administration advisory committee members to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that individual appointments to advisory committees are made to promote scientific and technical expertise while at the same time minimizing any potential conflicts of interest. Requires the secretary to consider, with respect to any financial interest constituting a potential conflict of interest, the type, nature, and magnitude of the financial interest. Declares that no specific factor shall be dispositive in the secretary's evaluation of a particular financial interest. Language from this bill was passed in August of 2012 as part of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act.

## SPONSORED LEGISLATION AS LEAD REPUBLICAN

- [H. Con. Res 120](#): Supporting the goal of preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's disease by the year 2025, as articulated in the draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease from the Department of Health and Human Services.
- [H.RES. 560](#): Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

## AMENDMENTS OFFERED IN COMMITTEE

- On July 18, 2012, I offered an amendment to H.R. 6213. My amendment adds a new section to the bill which states any Federal official who is responsible for the issuance of a loan guarantee under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 in a manner that violates the requirements of such title or of this Act shall be subject to appropriate administrative discipline including, when circumstances warrant, suspension from duty without pay or removal from office. The amendment was passed by voice vote.
- On July 18, 2012, the Energy and Power Subcommittee held a hearing on my draft legislation requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to grant a waiver to the Montreal Protocol allowing for the continued sale of over-the-counter Epinephrine inhalers. On July 19, 2012, the Energy and Power Subcommittee passed the draft bill by voice vote.
- On Wednesday, July 25, 2012, I offered an amendment during the subcommittee markup of the No More Solyndras Act to add administrative penalties, in line with the Anti-Deficiency Act, to federal officials who violate the terms of the Title XVII loan guarantees within the Department of Energy. The amendment was accepted by voice vote.
- On July 31, 2012, I offered a second degree amendment to H.R. 6213. This amendment adds a new specification to the previous amendment, and states that any federal official who is responsible for the issuance of a loan guarantee under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 in a manner that violates the requirements of such title or of this act shall personally liable for a civil penalty in an amount of at least \$10,000, but not more than \$50,000 for each violation. The amendment was passed by voice vote.
- On August 1, 2012, I offered an amendment during full committee markup of H.R. 6213, the No More Solyndras Act, which would provide for civil penalties, to be administered by the Department of Justice, of no less than \$10,000 and no more than \$50,000 for department officials who violate the terms of the loan guarantee program as authorized by Congress. The amendment was accepted by voice vote.



## AMENDMENTS OFFERED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR

- On June 5, 2012, I offered, for the second year in a row, H.AMDT.1210 to H.R. 5325, the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. My amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the light bulb efficiency standards, established in the 2007, by the tables contained in section 325(i)(1)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to BPAR incandescent reflector lamps, BR incandescent reflector lamps, and ER incandescent reflector lamps. The amendment was passed by voice vote.
- On June 6, 2012, I offered H.AMDT.1192 on the House Floor for consideration of H.R. 5325. This amendment sought to reduce the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation construction and expansion account by \$100 million and to apply the savings to the spending reduction account. The amendment failed by recorded vote 168 to 249.
- On June 6, 2012, I introduced an amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill to remove a \$100 million earmark for the United States Enrichment Corporation, which would harm uranium mining interests in Texas and throughout the west.
- On June 27, 2012, I offered H.AMDT. 1361 to the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill at full House Appropriations Committee during consideration of H.R. 5972. This amendment prohibits the use of funds to be used by the Secretary of Transportation to authorize a person to operate an unmanned aircraft system in the national airspace system, or to manufacture, sell, or distribute an unmanned aircraft system as a weapon. The chairman stated that the provisions of the amendment sought to change existing law and as such constituted legislation in an appropriations bill, and did not allow a recorded vote.

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## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT

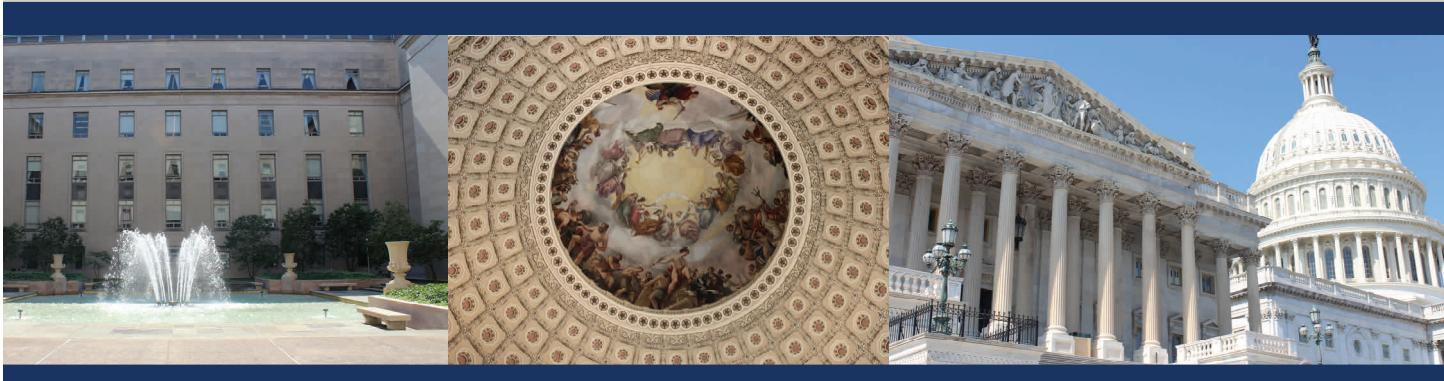
- [On January 11, 2012](#), I signed a letter to Secretary Clinton urging the Department of State to take action to free Amir Hekmati, a U.S. citizen captured by the Iranian government and sentenced to death.
- [On January 31, 2012](#), I signed a letter to Senators John Rockefeller, Nick Rahall and Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Representative John Mica, expressing appreciation for the work these Senators did to advance a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill and bringing to their attention my concerns about the overseas maintenance of commercial airplanes.
- On January 31, 2012, I signed a letter to the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Jeffrey Zients, requesting that he reconsider any proposals to eliminate funding to the Federal Aviation Administration contract towers program.
- On February 1, 2012, I signed a letter to the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, bringing to his attention the need for toll-revenue credits as the committee considered the surface transportation reauthorization bill.

## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT CONTINUED

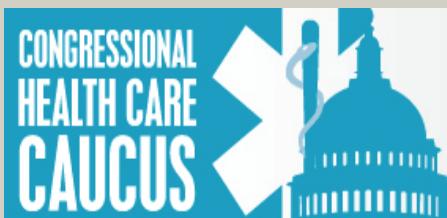
- On February 10, 2012, I signed a letter to the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, bringing to his attention the need to provide state and local relief against the impending impact of the adequate yearly progress standard as the Committee considered the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization.
- On February 29, 2012, I sent a letter to President Obama regarding Environmental Protection Agency's refusal to grant a waiver to allow over-the-counter Primatele Mist to continue to be sold until a replacement device can be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.
- On March 2, 2012, I sent a bipartisan letter with Members of Congress representing the committees of jurisdiction over the Federal Trade Commission to the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission regarding its actions taken against state medical and dental boards that I believe are a direct interference with the state regulation of the practice of medicine and dentistry. We argued these actions could set a precedent for permitting the federal government to dictate scope of practice issues. State health boards are official agencies of the state entrusted to have the expertise to ensure the protection of the public. Federal Trade Commission intervention may compromise patient safety. If the Federal Trade Commission's rulings are permitted to stand, state statutes regarding the provisions of health care could be called into question.
- On April 19, 2012, I wrote a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius seeking more information regarding actions by a Medicare Administrative Carrier relating to the reimbursement of Medicare services and the state regulation of the practice of optometry. Wisconsin Physician Services has instituted a policy that could be viewed as impacting what constitutes the appropriate scope of practice of an optometrist, and I am interested in learning more about this case and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' opinion of how it relates to applicable state law. I hope that if any deficiencies are found by the agency, they can work to ensure that other Medicare carriers are aware of them so as to not adopt such policies and that any impact on proper beneficiary access in this particular jurisdiction is addressed.
- On May 4, 2012, I wrote a letter signed by every member of the Texas House Delegation to Acting Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We communicated the potential for disruption in the payment of providers in Texas under the Medicare program due to the change in Medicare Administrative Contractor to Novitas Solutions from TrailBlazer Health Enterprises for the new Medicare region JH, which includes Texas. We would like to work with the agency in a bipartisan and open manner to avoid interruptions to care for seniors. We wish to ensure that Novitas is prepared to handle the tremendous increase in workload they are about to absorb.
- On May 17, 2012, I wrote a letter to Speaker John Boehner expressing my appreciation and support for the approach Speaker Boehner outlined in his address to the Peter G. Peterson Fiscal Summit in regard to the impending legislation and fiscal challenges we will face before the end of the year. I asked that we work for a full repeal of the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate as well, and asked that there be a standalone vote of at least a one year or longer extension before the House adjourned for the August district work period. I believe waiting for this provision of legislative relief is more dangerous than ever before due to the expiration of numerous tax cuts that will be voted on by the end of the year.
- On July 24, 2012, I sent a letter to the Editorial Board of the *Wall Street Journal*, responding to an Op-Ed which incorrectly depicted me as being in favor of the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program, which provided the funding to the now-bankrupt solar panel company Solyndra.

## LETTERS SENT CONTINUED

- On August 7, 2012, I sent a letter with Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger and signed by 43 Members of Congress to Acting Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, requesting an immediate suspension and review of the ongoing Medicare audit programs in Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas related to major lower extremity joint replacement. Specifically, we are concerned by the means by which MACs are focusing their medical necessity audits for DRG 470 on conservative management prior to surgery. We asked that the reviews be suspended until the issues we brought forth were addressed in the current process and changes instituted that would ensure appropriate coverage for total joint replacements and clarify documentation requirements for providers.
- On September 25, 2012, I sent a letter to President Barack Obama demanding an explanation for the administration's conflicting statements regarding the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya on September 11, 2012.
- On December 4, 2012, I sent a letter to President Obama regarding my bill, the Freedom Flat Tax Act. I have introduced this legislation every Congress for the last decade.



## CONGRESSIONAL HEALTH CARE CAUCUS



The Congressional Health Care Caucus, founded at the beginning of the 111th Congress, strives to educate Republican Members and staff on the issues surrounding health care policy, to equip them with resources for serving the American people, to prepare them to communicate effectively, to foster productive debate, and to receive input from those outside of Washington.

The Health Care Caucus' signature event is the Policy Forum, which brings important thought leaders together to discuss a wide array of topics. Policy Forums are always open to the public and are webcast live via the Internet. These events have highlighted everything from the process and likelihood of budget reconciliation in the Senate to the options for making health care better and more affordable.

In addition to Policy Forums, the Health Care Caucus hosts member briefings. These briefings cover a variety of topics and are moderated by authors, former administration officials, and think tank executives. Each of these briefings are off-the-record and allow members to brainstorm new ideas and ask questions of other members without the media present.

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## CONGRESSIONAL HEALTH CARE CAUCUS CONTINUED

Below are the events and speakers of the 2012 the Congressional Health Care Caucus events:

- January 31, 2012: Preparing for the Future of Health Care in America: Tom Miller, Resident Fellow at American Enterprise Institute and Jim Capretta, Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center
- February 6, 2012: The Arguments Before the Supreme Court: Karen Harned, National Federation of Independent Business and Colby May, American Center for Law and Justice
- February 29, 2012: Success and Pitfall of HIT: Dr. Farzad Mostashari, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at HHS
- March 5, 2012: Interconnected: The Individual Mandate and Insurance Reforms: Alissa Fox, Senior Vice President, Office of Policy and Representation, BlueCross BlueShield Association, and Tom Wildsmith Consulting Actuary, The Hay Group
- March 22, 2012: Integrating Care and Creating Savings: Dr. Jeffrey Brenner, Featured Commonwealth Guest and Physician
- April 19, 2012: The CBO and Health Care Costs: Doug Holtz-Eakin, former CBO director under President Bush
- April 24, 2012: An Inside Look at the Supreme Court Arguments: Ken Cuccinelli, Attorney General of Virginia
- June 7, 2012: The House Proposals for Medicare Reform: Chairman Paul Ryan, Chairman of the House Budget Committee
- June 16, 2012: Governor Romney's Health Care Plan: Tevi Troy, President Advisor and Matt Hoffman, Health Care Policy Director
- June 26, 2012: Presenting Real Solutions for Market Based Health Care: Dr. John Goodman, President and CEO of the National Center for Policy Analysis
- July 23, 2012: The Response to the Current State of Health Care : Karen Ignagni, President and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and Dan Danner, President and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
- August 9, 2012: Flower Mound, Lewisville, Highland Village, Denton Events: I presented the current state of health care and my predictions predictions
- August 10, 2012: Frisco Chamber of Commerce Breakfast: I presented the current state of health care and my predictions for the future
- September 12, 2012: Legacy and Leadership: Dr. Jeffery Lenn, Professor of Leadership at George Washington University



# MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS



## SNAPSHOT OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

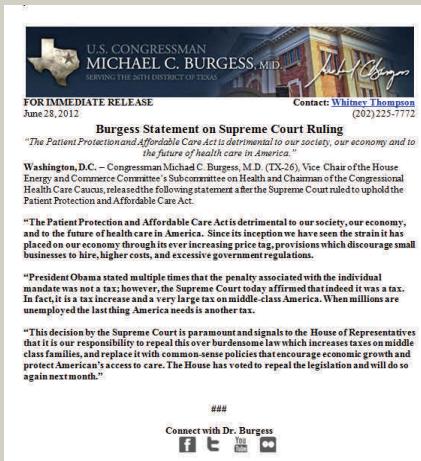
- 2,236 newspaper articles or blogs mentions
  - 928 on health care
  - 64 on economy, jobs, and spending
  - 396 on energy and the environment
- 7 columns and letters to the editor
- 41 press releases issued
- 51 e-newsletters sent
- 109 YouTube videos posted
- 43 weekly video addresses
- 115 newspaper and magazine interviews
- 193 radio interviews
  - 68 local stations
  - 125 nationally syndicated shows
- 71 television interviews
  - 16 on local stations
  - 15 on Fox Business
  - 5 on Fox News
  - 2 on MSNBC
  - 4 on CNBC
  - 7 on CNN

## COLUMNS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AUTHORED

- [We can't afford to let new regulations strangle scientific breakthroughs from genetic testing](#), February 7, 2012
- [Rebuilding America's Economy Is in Our Genes](#), May 17, 2012
- [The Waiting Room](#), June 5, 2012
- [We cannot afford to forget Alzheimer's](#), July 11, 2012
- [Wall Street Journal Letter to the Editor](#), July 27, 2012
- [Working to ensure there will be no more Solyndras](#), July 31, 2012
- [EPA could waive ban on Primatene Mist inhalers for asthmatics](#), November 13, 2012

# PRESS RELEASES

In 2012, my office sent out 41 press releases, below are a few that were sent.



- [Burgess Sends Letter to Obama Regarding Recent Appointments](#), January 9, 2012
- [Burgess Statement on State of the Union Address](#), January 24, 2012
- [Burgess Votes Against More Delays and Deeper Deficit](#), February 17, 2012
- [Burgess Presses FDA on Drug Shortages](#), February 21, 2012
- [Burgess Announces 2012 Congressional High School Art Contest](#), March 13, 2012
- [Burgess Statement to Repeal the Health Care Act's Control Board](#), March 22, 2012
- [Emergency Preparedness Summit Helps North Texans Plan](#), April 12, 2012
- [Burgess Calls for Firing EPA Regional Administrator](#), April 27, 2012
- [President's Job Council Members Cite Worries on Health Care Law](#), April 28, 2012
- [Burgess Expects Professionalism of Next EPA Regional Administrator](#), April 30, 2012
- [Burgess Statement on the President's Address on Afghanistan](#), May 1, 2012
- [Burgess Announces Winners of Congressional Competition: "An Artistic Discovery"](#), May 4, 2012
- [Burgess and Green Legislation Provides Patients Cost Information for Health Care](#), May 18, 2012
- [Burgess, Markey Call For GAO Investigation of DOE Support for Near-Bankrupt USEC](#), June 12, 2012
- [Burgess Statement on Executive Order](#), June 15, 2012
- [Burgess Honors Service Academy Appointees](#), June 22, 2012
- [Bipartisan Legislation Will Enhance FDA](#), June 26, 2012
- [Burgess Statement on Supreme Court Ruling](#), June 28, 2012
- [Burgess, Local Leaders, and Industry Experts to Discuss Energy](#), July 6, 2012
- [Burgess Statement on Health Care Repeal Vote](#), July 11, 2012
- [Burgess Introduces Legislation to Provide One Year Extension for Medicare Physician Payment Rates](#), July 20, 2012
- [Burgess Statement on Solyndra Committee Report](#), August 2, 2012
- [8th Annual Economic Development Summit Aims To Boost Growth](#), September 19, 2012
- [Modernize CBO Scoring: The Preventative Health Savings Act](#), September 24, 2012
- [Burgess Presses Obama Administration on Inconsistent Libya Statements](#), September 26, 2012
- [Burgess Honors Local Veterans](#), November 9, 2012
- [Burgess Named Vice Chair of Two Energy and Commerce Subcommittees](#), November 28, 2012

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## WEEKLY VIDEO ADDRESS

- [The Congressional Health Care Caucus](#), January 13, 2012
- [Obama Puts Politics Over Jobs](#), January 20, 2012
- [Responding to the State of the Union](#), January 25, 2012
- [We're Still Not There, Yet](#), February 3, 2012
- [Preparing for the Supreme Court's Ruling on Health Care](#), February 10, 2012
- [The Empty Stimulus, Three Years Later](#), February 17, 2012
- [We Need A Budget That Counts, Not Overspends](#), February 24, 2012
- [The EPA Can't Get Its Hands on Enough Money](#), March 2, 2012
- [Federal Agencies Spending Taxpayer Dollars](#), March 9, 2012
- [The Prescription for Changing the Tax Code](#), March 16, 2012
- [Congress Can re-think the Obama IPAB](#), March 23, 2012
- [Inside the Supreme Court](#), March 30, 2012
- [Emergency Preparedness Information Fair in Denton](#), April 5, 2012
- [Military Service Academy Forum](#), April 21, April 13, 2012



- [What Works for the Job Providers](#), April 20, 2012
- [Worries of the President's Jobs Council](#), April 27, 2012
- [A Day of Prayer](#), May 3, 2012
- [A Speculative Order](#), May 11, 2012
- [Denton and Flower Mound Town Halls](#), June 8, 2012
- [After the Ruling](#), June 12, 2012



- [The Administration's Rush to Create Green Jobs](#), June 22, 2012
- [The Simple Truth: It is a Tax](#), June 29, 2012
- [Repealing the Affordable Care Act](#), July 13, 2012
- [Improving the Regulatory Process](#), July 20, 2012
- [No More Solyndras](#), July 27, 2012
- [Stop the Tax Hike](#), August 3, 2012
- [Providing a One Year Extension for Medicare Physician Payment Rates](#), August 10, 2012
- [Guaranteed Access to Health Insurance](#), August 17, 2012
- [Honoring Local Veterans](#), August 24, 2012

## WEEKLY VIDEO ADDRESS CONTINUED

- [Labor Day - Putting Americans Back to Work](#), August 31, 2012
- [We Will Never Forget](#), September 8, 2012
- [The Federal Government is the Biggest Problem](#), September 15, 2012
- [Update on Libya Attack](#), September 21, 2012
- [Redistribution Will Not Put People Back to Work](#), September 28, 2012
- [Economic Development Summit](#), October 5, 2012
- [Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education](#), October 12, 2012
- [Think Pink](#), October 19, 2012
- [American Diabetes Month](#), October 26, 2012
- [Alzheimer's Awareness](#), November 2, 2012
- [Salute to Our Veterans](#), November 9, 2012
- [The Administration Continues to Block Information on Benghazi](#), November 16, 2012
- [Blessings of Fruitful Fields and Healthful Skies](#), November 21, 2012
- [Transportation in North Texas](#), November 30, 2012
- [The "Lack of Ownership" of Benghazi](#), December 21, 2012
- [Looking to the Future](#), December 28, 2012



## AWARDS RECEIVED

I am honored to have been awarded credentials from organizations and groups for the common-sense and pro-growth work I do on behalf of North Texans. A few of the awards I received this year include:

American Conservative Union ACU rating certificate, Freedom Works Freedom Fighter Award, the National Federation of Independent Business Guardian of Small Business, Digestive Disease National Coalition Distinguished Public Service Award, Alzheimer's Association Humanitarian Award, Healthcare Leadership Council Champion of Healthcare Innovation, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise, Children's National Medical Center Children's Health Champion, American College of Cardiology 2012 Award for Distinguished Public Service, American College of Rheumatology Award for Public Leadership, and Preserving Patient Access to Rare Disease Therapy.

## COMMITTEE AND FLOOR STATEMENTS

- [Health Care Reform Beyond the Affordable Care Act](#), January 31, 2012
- [Celebrating the Life of President Ronald Reagan](#), February 6, 2012
- [Celebrating the Anniversary of the Homecoming of Congressman Sam Johnson](#), February 14, 2012
- [Rare Disease Day](#), February 27, 2012
- [Interconnected - The Individual Mandate and Insurance Reforms](#), March 5, 2012
- [Flat Tax](#), March 7, 2012
- [Questioning Secretary Chu](#), March 8, 2012
- [A New Powerful Health Care Bureaucracy](#), March 23, 2012
- [HHS without plans for Supreme Court Health Law Ruling](#), May 9, 2012
- [Protecting the Economy](#), June 7, 2012
- [The Affordable Care Act Continues to Hurt Patients and Doctors](#), July 9, 2012
- [Repealing the Health Care Law](#), July 10, 2012
- [No More Solyndras Act Opening Statement](#), July 24, 2012
- [No More Solyndras](#), September 14, 2012
- [Frisco City Councilman Captain Tim Nelson](#), November 27, 2012



## TELEVISION APPEARANCES

- [KVTX CBS Dallas: Help With a Federal Agency](#), January 10, 2012
- [KVTX CBS Dallas: Recess Appointments](#), January 10, 2012
- [MSNBC: What to Expect from the State of The Union](#), January 24, 2012
- [Fox Business: Still Waiting to Hear Back From President Obama](#), January 24, 2012
- [Fox News: January 2012 Unemployment](#), February 3, 2012
- [Fox Business: The Keystone Pipeline](#), February 7, 2012
- [Fox Business: Requiring Religious Organizations to Offer Contraceptive Coverage](#), February 10, 2012



## TELEVISION APPEARANCES CONTINUED

- [Fox Business: President Obama's Energy Budget](#), February 13, 2012
- [Fox News: President Obama Rejecting The Keystone Pipeline](#), February 26, 2012
- [Fox News: Pain at the Pump](#), March 4, 2012
- [Fox Business: Secretary Chu Hearing](#), March 8, 2012
- [Fox News: Government's Light Bulb](#), March 12, 2012
- [Fox Business: Gasoline Prices - Drilling Down into the Details](#), March 22, 2012
- [CNN: Health Care Law Supreme Court Session](#), March 28, 2012
- [Fox 4 Good Day: Inside the Supreme Court](#), March 30, 2012
- [MSNBC: North Texas Tornadoes](#), April 3, 2012
- [CNN: Saved by Providence and Preparedness](#), April 4, 2012
- [Fox News: Solyndra Loan Guarantee](#), April 5, 2012
- [WFAA: Investigation on Dental Medicaid Fraud](#), April 25, 2012
- [WFAA: Proposes Help for Kidney Transplants](#), April 26, 2012
- [Newsmax TV: Health Care Act Dealings](#), May 18, 2012
- [Dr. Carol Show: Price Transparency](#), June 7, 2012
- [CNBC: Joint Economic Hearing with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke](#), June 7, 2012
- [WFAA: President Obama's Executive Order](#), June 17, 2012
- [CNN: CDC Airflow Problems](#), June 21, 2012
- [Fox News: The All American Panel](#), June 25, 2012



- [Fox Business: The Upcoming Decision](#), June 25, 2012
- [CNBC: The Pending Health Care Ruling](#), June 25, 2012
- [Fox 4 Dallas: Previewing the Supreme Court Ruling](#), June 27, 2012
- [Fox Business: The Ruling of the Supreme Court](#), June 28, 2012
- [Fox Business: Repealing the Affordable Care Act](#), July 11, 2012
- [C-SPAN Washington Journal: Health Care](#), July 12, 2012
- [Fox Business: The Future of Health Care](#), November 17, 2012

- [Fox Business: The Fiscal Cliff](#), December 6, 2012
- [CBS This Morning: The Right to Breath](#), December 12, 2012
- [Fox Business: Update on the Fiscal Cliff](#), December 17, 2012
- [Fox News: 2013 Health Care Tax Hike](#), December 31, 2012

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