

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address August 1, 2014 “Bill Kristol”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week, I held an event through the Congressional Health Caucus, which I co-chair, featuring Bill Kristol.

In addition to being the editor of the Weekly Standard and a Fox News contributor, Kristol is widely recognized as one of the nation’s leading political minds.

Our event concentrated on one topic: the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act. The latest problems with Affordable Care Act may have been eclipsed lately by other major events in the news, but it is still one of the biggest issues for us here on Capitol Hill.

Americans are hurting under this law worse than ever before. The President has acted out of the scope of his authority to save himself from his own bad policies. As a physician in the House, I cannot ease up on my commitment to repealing this bad law.

That is why I felt it so important to hear from someone like Kristol, whose ideas about healthcare in America make sense. At our event, Kristol explained to us that his vision would eliminate Obamacare measures that encourage employers to drop their health plans and force their employers to enroll in Medicaid in order to get insurance. He’d also eliminate obstacles to hiring new employers.

He is for policies that would emphasize and expand the use of health savings accounts. I’ve spoken about my bill to do just that in recent weeks.

This type of idea would introduce freedom of choice back into the process of buying insurance for individuals and their families. The system would be more fair. It would take the burden of payment off of doctors and hospitals, and it would provide real insurance for people with pre-existing conditions.

Finally, his plan would make health insurance more affordable. Because we all know that the president’s Affordable Care Act is anything but.

I appreciate hearing new ideas for ways to improve our health care system. I remain as committed as ever to repealing and replacing this harmful law.

As always, I welcome 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.