

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 3, 2014
“Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. With September behind us, we again focus our attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

We have made incredible strides in the realm of breast cancer. More women are getting screened, people are aware of their family history and genetic risks, patients are finding their cancers earlier, and new medications are available.

Studies have shown that women have a much better chance of surviving breast cancer today than they would have had even just 10 years ago thanks to constantly evolving therapies and treatment.

We have not just medical research to thank for these successes, but the power of awareness as well. As an OB/GYN for nearly 25 years, I saw firsthand the improvement made in cancers that afflict women over the years. And I can predict there will be many more thanks to the work of the Energy and Commerce Committee’s 21st Century Cures initiative.

Our Committee is taking a comprehensive look at how to accelerate the pace of cures in the United States. If we want to save even more lives and continue to be the leader in medical innovation, we have to make sure the science of finding cures is able to be used and isn’t blocked by burdensome regulation.

We are examining how to streamline the process of developing new drugs and devices as well as examine new technology in order to keep up with the pace of innovation.

The incredible strides made in medical research are due in part to the great scientific minds of our great nation. But we must ensure that the hard work of our best and brightest is used in the most efficient and beneficial way. That is what we have always done as a country, and it is through this initiative that we will continue that legacy.

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.