

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address November 3, 2016 “FBI Investigation into Clinton Emails”

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

As many of you know, FBI Director James Comey announced the reopening of the investigation into Secretary Clinton’s use of a private email server. This decision was made only after the FBI uncovered additional State Department emails on the computer of one of Secretary Clinton’s aides.

United States Attorney General Loretta Lynch should have appointed a special prosecutor to formally investigate Secretary Clinton's use of a private e-mail server and it should have been done months ago. Doing so would have preserved the independence of our legal system and further promoted this important principle in American legal tradition.

Back in July, I joined with over 40 other members of the House of Representatives in calling for this appointment. However, this request was dismissed by the Department of Justice. There is ample precedent for the Attorney General stepping aside and appointing a special prosecutor in high profile cases, just such as this one.

And as was feared, the investigation has been subject to political pressures from its very inception.

Despite admitting that any person handing sensitive, classified information in a similar circumstance would be subject to sanctions, the FBI then said they would not recommend moving forward with criminal charges.

If an independent examination had been conducted, this would have been a very different outcome.

The reopening of the FBI investigation is signal enough that Secretary Clinton’s actions are far more serious than the American people have been led to believe. This time the FBI must make a more thorough examination of the mishandling of highly classified information and be prepared to follow the facts, wherever they lead.

As always I appreciate your comments and your concerns on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, God bless the United States of America and as the song says, God bless you Texas.