

## STATEMENT BY RANKING MEMBER SPENCER BACHUS (R-AL) REGARDING PASSAGE OF H.R. 1227

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&ldquo;We have a moral imperative to change the standard of public housing, and not only in New Orleans but throughout the country. We can do better than simply warehousing families in failed large housing projects in crime-ridden communities. Our vision should be vibrant mixed-use communities with good housing, safe streets, and strong schools.

&ldquo;For these reasons, even though I strongly support the goal of helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina recover their lives and homes, I could not support using a failed public housing model to recreate public housing in New Orleans when the opportunity existed for something better and safer.&rdquo;

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