



## House Committee on Financial Services

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Ranking Member

### Frank Statement to the National Alliance of HUD Tenants

I am very disappointed in the proposed cuts to important federal housing programs. The City Council Resolution sponsored by Councilor Rob Consalvo and supported by all 12 members of the Council highlights the harm that the House Republican's budget cuts would have on Massachusetts and the City of Boston. I was therefore pleased to be asked by the National Alliance of HUD Tenants to submit a statement expressing opposition to proposed cuts in federal housing programs. I thought it most appropriate to submit the following statement, which I made last week during an official effort to oppose the proposed cut to federal housing programs.

“I agree with Congressman Spencer Bachus and others that America is spending much too much on cities. Unfortunately, the cities that we are spending too much on, do not as a whole tend to be in the United States. They are in Iraq and they are in Afghanistan; they are in Japan; they are in Germany; they are in Italy; they are in England. We spend enormous amounts of money dwarfing anything that helps put policemen on the street or helping to deal with the problem of abandoned housing in our neighborhoods. We spend far more in military activities elsewhere. I am pleased to be joined by Congressman Ron Paul from Texas in trying to redirect that funding. I think it is important and we have to have some spending restraints at home as well. The amounts that we spend elsewhere such as 50,000 troops staying in Iraq in a non-combat role; if it is a non-combat role I don't understand why we send combat troops. If there isn't a fire don't send the fire department. You want to send a social worker then you should do that but we need to be clear about what we are doing. I believe we should address spending and I hope that we will do so with the right kind of proportion.”