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**FAIR HOUSING CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TESTIFY BEFORE
CONGRESS**

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, James Perry, Executive Director of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) will testify before the House Committee on Financial Services' Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development. Perry will address the role of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast after the 2005 hurricanes and the extent to which local and state governments have failed to use this funding in a way that affirmatively furthers fair housing.

Under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development provides CDBG funding to cities and counties in order to "carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services." Since the 2005 storms, HUD has provided over \$16 billion in CDBG funds to affected areas which have funded a myriad of rebuilding programs, including the Road Home program.

GNOFHAC Executive Director James Perry comments, "It is an honor to have the opportunity to speak with Congressional leaders regarding the Gulf Coast recovery from a fair housing perspective. I hope to paint an accurate picture of CDBG's multi-dimensional role in the rebuilding effort."

Audio and a written copy of Perry's testimony will be available on GNOFHAC's website, www.gnofairhousing.org on Thursday, May 8.

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The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a private non-profit organization. The Center was established by a group of concerned New Orleanians in 1995 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance and a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. GNOFHAC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the metro New Orleans area.

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