

Dear _____,

I am writing to urge you to fulfill your commitment to upholding human rights in the Gulf Coast. As you know, August 29th marks the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and yet thousands of residents remain displaced. Under well-established human rights standards, every person displaced by Hurricane Katrina has the right to return home.

We deeply appreciate your leadership in Congress to ensure that much-needed funds have already reached the Gulf Coast. However, as most of those funds were spent by FEMA and other agencies during initial disaster response, serious shortfalls remain in addressing the more than \$100 billion in damages to housing and infrastructure. Chief among the challenges survivors face is a lack of affordable, safe, habitable housing. The federal government is ultimately responsible for ensuring the rights of individuals after disasters such as Katrina. We urge you to pass legislation to realize human rights in the Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

Send to your representatives in Congress.