

WASHINGTON-In response to Democratic attacks on President Bush's budget proposal, Congressman Bachus released the following statement.

“Democrats are once again trying to frighten people into opposing President Bush's budget proposal with misleading information. Here are the facts. The Budget Resolution to be voted on by the House of Representatives next week is a GUIDLINE to federal spending for the next 10 years. The Budget Committee has recommended a 1% across the board cut. The Authorizing Committees over the course of the year will decide where this 1% reduction should take place. Nowhere does it mention a specific program or agency that should be reduced.

Government Waste, Fraud and duplicative programs are great starting points to look to for this 1% reduction. Congressman Bachus is a strong supporter of early childhood development programs, such as Head Start which are entirely consistent with the goals of President Bush's “No Child Left Behind” initiative.”