

WASHINGTON (May 12) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today said that it’s time for the voice of the American people to be heard on cutting government spending.

Bachus, a member of the House Republican Economic Recovery Group, announced his participation in the *YouCut* initiative, a project that will allow constituents in Alabama and across the nation to recommend specific spending cuts to Congress.

“We know from the example of Greece what will happen if America continues to go down the road of more spending, bigger government, and massive debt. And yet, the federal deficit hit another new record in April. It is irresponsible for Speaker Pelosi and Democrats in Congress to spend money that we don’t have and pass the bill onto our children and grandchildren. Let’s listen to the people. They have made hard choices on spending during these challenging economic times and they expect Washington to do the same,” Bachus said.

Under the *YouCut* initiative, each week Americans will be able to vote on a menu of five proposed budget cuts posted online at <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut>. Republicans will then offer an up-or-down vote on the House floor on the spending cut that receives the most support.

Votes may be registered either online or by cell phone. Complete details are available on the [YouCut](#) website. The home page on Congressman Bachus’ website, www.bachus.house.gov, has an icon linking to the site.