

Associated Neighborhood Development (AND)  
A Shared Initiative, Inc.  
Bayou District Foundation  
Broadmoor Development Corporation  
Chase  
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Crescent City Community Land Trust  
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.  
First NBC Bank  
Foundation for Louisiana  
GCR Inc.  
Global Green USA  
Green Coast Enterprises  
Harmony Neighborhood Development  
Historic Restoration, Inc.  
Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans (HBA)  
Iberia Bank  
Jericho Road, Episcopal Housing Initiative  
Jerusalem Economic Development Corporation (JEDC)  
Louisiana Appleseed  
Louisiana Association of Affordable Housing Providers (LAAHP)  
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO)



Louisiana Homebuyer Education Collaborative  
Louisiana Housing Alliance (LHA)  
Lower 9th Ward (NENA)  
Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association  
lowernine.org  
Make It Right  
New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity  
New Orleans Neighborhood Development Foundation (NDF)  
NO/AIDS Task Force  
Operation Comeback  
Pontchartrain Park CDC  
Preservation Resource Center (PRC)  
Project Home Again  
Project Homecoming, Inc.  
Providence Community Housing  
Puentes New Orleans  
Rebuilding Together New Orleans  
Redmellon  
Renaissance Neighborhood Development Corporation  
St. Bernard Project  
UNITY of Greater New Orleans  
Urban Focus, LLC  
Volunteers of America (VOA)  
Whitney Bank

April 28, 2014

Rep. Erich Ponti  
Commerce Committee Chair  
Louisiana House of Representatives  
Delivered by Email

Dear Representative Ponti,

This letter is written in opposition to House Bill 1067.

The Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance advocates for the housing needs of the Greater New Orleans community. GNOHA is a collaborative of non-profit housing builders and community development corporations working to rebuild the housing stock available in the City of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina devastated the City's infrastructure. The sharp decrease in the supply of available housing in New Orleans exacerbated the housing affordability crisis for the city's low-income households, and led to new affordability problems for the city's middle-income households. Our mission is to collaborate and support efforts to build workforce housing for the citizens of the Greater New Orleans area in an ethical and efficient manner.

GNOHA supports building more energy efficient, high performing buildings as one way to address Louisiana's resiliency and sustainability challenges. Some of Louisiana's largest employers are also supporters of LEED and the green building industry and their contribution to the state's economy and way of life are immeasurable. That is why we are writing to ask you to vote NO on HB 1067.

It's our understanding that local and national chemical lobbyists helped draft HB 1067, in the mistaken belief that the LEED rating system somehow poses a threat to Louisiana's chemical manufacturers. The LEED rating system offers huge flexibility in how buildings achieve energy and water savings, improve indoor air quality, and support occupant health while encouraging the use of local products.

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There are currently 287 LEED certified or registered buildings in the state. For years, the rating system has been a very effective tool in the state's sustainability toolbox. Based on funding sources, the state has decided one building at a time whether or not to use the LEED rating system and which LEED credits to pursue. Certification can be achieved with 40 out of 110 points.

HB 1067 will prohibit the use of LEED in state owned or state funded projects. The word LEED never appears in the bill. So while the language of HB 1067 is not very clear, the intent is.

**Please oppose House Bill 1067.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 504-821-7227 or email me at [amorris@gnoha.org](mailto:amorris@gnoha.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andreanecia M. Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andreanecia M. Morris  
Board of Governors, Chair  
Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance