

## STANDING UP FOR MAIN STREET, NOT WALL STREET

"Making sure every American has access to safe, affordable housing is the first step toward building communities and ensuring hope and opportunity for all Americans."

-U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.)

## **Helping Families Stay in Their Homes**

- Hosted two housing roundtables with homeowners and housing experts at nonprofit community groups to determine how Congress could help families
- Voted for the Economic Recovery Act, which provided homeowners foreclosure prevention counseling and legal services to help them stay in their homes
- Voted for the Helping Families Saves their Homes Act, which provided consumer protections for homeowners and increased the flow of credit

## Fighting the Scams and the Scum

- Voted for the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act, which increased law enforcement's tool to go after mortgage fraud
- Worked with HUD to establish the Baltimore Flipping Task Force and make Baltimore a leader in fighting housing scams nationwide
- Directed HUD to ban unscrupulous lenders from federal housing programs

## **Restoring Hope to Public Housing**

- Created the HOPE VI program to improve conditions for residents of public housing
- Voted to create an affordable housing trust fund to fund the construction, maintenance and preservation of affordable rental housing for low and very lowincome individuals and families