**(Fort Lauderdale, FL)** Today, Congressman Alcee L. Hastings (D-Miramar) made the following statement in response to Governor Scott signing HB 1355, a controversial bill overhauling Florida's election law:

"The dastardly denigration of Florida's citizenry by the Florida Legislature and Governor cannot go unnoticed and/or unchallenged. These people have turned the clock back 40 years, so that they have a political advantage. After the stolen election of 2000, I helped lead the charge to pass the bipartisan *Help America Vote Act*. I cannot simply stand by and not help to challenge the backward actions of the Governor and Legislature. The NAACP, ACLU, and League of Women Voters should all challenge this backward action in federal and state courts. If they don't, I will."

*Congressman Alcee L. Hastings serves as Senior Member of the House Rules Committee, Ranking Democratic Member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and Democratic Chairman of the Florida Delegation.*

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