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VFHL Takes Scott Taylor to Task:

Delegate Candidate Ruthlessly Evicts Hundreds from their Homes while Repeatedly Failing to Pay his own Rent

"Scott Taylor put my whole family out on the street and now he won't even pay his own bills, isn't that illegal?" - former Taylor tenant LaDonna Santiago

(Richmond, VA) – Scott William Taylor, candidate for the 85th district House of Delegates seat in Virginia Beach, was reprimanded by the Virginia Fair Housing League (VFHL) today for his abysmal record of repeatedly failing to pay his own debts and obligations while ruthlessly evicting working-class Virginians and senior citizens on fixed incomes from their homes.

Taylor is President of Neptune Realty, which owns rental properties in Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Portsmouth. Court records show that over the past 9 years, Taylor has filed 333 suits in Virginia courts to evict his tenants, many poor and elderly, struggling during the difficult economy. Further many of these tenants say Taylor adamantly refused to show any flexibility to pay their rent or assist them in making good faith payment arrangements.

"You would think that someone with Scott Taylor's track record of financial default, 2 home foreclosures, court-ordered evictions, and more than \$1 million in legal judgments against him in the last three years alone would be sensitive to the struggles people are facing" said VFHL Community Executive Director Stephanie E.M. Clayton. "Sadly Scott Taylor thinks that responsibility only applies to other people, not to him. He walks away from his financial and legal obligations time and time again, then makes excuses in the Virginian Pilot that he didn't pay his business rent for more than a year because his landlord refused to negotiate. Meanwhile he throws hard working people to the street while they are begging for flexibility or a payment plan. The arrogance and hypocrisy is staggering."

"I lost my job and was behind on my rent. I asked for a simple extension or payment plan, instead they took me to court and evicted me and my wife. Scott Taylor should be ashamed to run for politics." - former Taylor tenant Gary Stevens

"It is troubling to think that such a callous and irresponsible person like Scott Taylor is seeking the public trust, to write laws and spend our hard-earned tax dollars. **Candidates for office should serve because they care about people and want to make their lives better. Taylor's record and behavior suggest he only cares about himself**" continued Clayton.

Recent court records show that in both civil and criminal court, Taylor has a persistent record of failing to follow the law, and failing even to show up for court. He does not pay his bills, but expects the taxpayers to pay his salary. "Taylor's record shows an indifference to paying his bills and meeting his final obligations while happily employing the court system at every opportunity to collect from others. Virginians need to ask themselves if this is the kind of callous, me-first politician they want representing them and their families."

"Taylor offers his tenants no "flexibility"; he offered no option to me and my family other than eviction from our home. - former Taylor tenant Nicole Ryan Ballard

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SETTING *The* RECORD STRAIGHT

Scott Taylor thinks it's **OK** for him to walk away from his legal and financial obligations, while running to the court house every chance he gets! But here are the facts:

- Two home foreclosures and one bank repossession;^{1, 1a}
- Warrant for Arrest issued against Scott Taylor by Virginia Beach Judge for failure to appear in court on a criminal matter;²
- \$147,272 default judgment, failure to appear in court and immediate eviction of Taylor's failed business Neptune Fitness which has yet to be paid;³
- \$620,000 judgment to business investors for breach of contract after attempting to sue them to escape debts of yet another failed Taylor business Neptune Development II;⁴
- \$1.4 million in civil judgments against Scott Taylor since 2008.

Meanwhile...

- 350 court cases to evict tenants from Taylor's personal and professionally owned rental properties such as this one:⁵

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT ONLINE CASE INFORMATION SYSTEM				
Virginia Beach General District				
Case Information				
Case Number	GV09016460-00		File Date	04/14/2009
Case Type	Unlawful Detainer		Debt Type	
Plaintiff Information				
Name	Address	Judgment	Attorney	
NEPTUNE ASSOCIATES SCOTT TAYLOR	VB VA 23451	Plaintiff		
Defendant Information				
Name	Address	Judgment	Attorney	
SANTIAGO, DAVID	VB VA 23451	Plaintiff		
SANTIAGO, LADONNA		Plaintiff		
Hearing Information				
Date	Time	Result	Hearing Type	Courtroom
05/05/2009	08:30 AM	Judgment	Civil Hearing	ZAA
Judgment Information				
Judgment	Plaintiff	Costs	\$65.00	
Principal Amount	\$1,750.00		Other Amount	\$855.00
Possession	Granted		Interest Award	6 % FROM DOJ
	Write Issued Date	Homestead Exemption Waived		

- Numerous complaints he refused to negotiate or offer good faith payment plans while seeking such an agreement in his failing business lease;^{1a}
- Many residents' poor and low income as well as senior citizens on fixed financial budgets evicted by Scott Taylor's businesses.

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¹Records of the Office of the Commissioner of Accounts of the Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach September, 2001
^{1a}The Virginian-Pilot, June 6, 2013 (<http://hamptonroads.com/2013/06/primary-race-va-house-seat-turns-ugly/>)

²Virginia Beach General District Court, Criminal Division, Case No. GT04011761-01

³Virginia Beach General District Court, Civil Division, Case No. GV12057477-00

⁴United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Case No. 07-CV-05954
 United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Case No. 09-3848

⁵Virginia Beach General District Court, Civil Division, 329 Individual Case Records
 Norfolk General District Court, Civil Division, Case No. GV09015309-00 and GV09015309-01
 Portsmouth General District Court, Civil Division, Case No. GV09002017-00
 Chesapeake General District Court, Civil Division, Case No. GV09016460-00

