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TO: Interested Parties

RE: Fast Facts About Rick Scott & The Florida Senate Race

Florida newspapers called Rick Scott the “[state's worst governor in the last half-century.](#)” Here’s why and the most important facts to know about the Florida Senate race.

Self-serving and dishonest, Scott’s looking out for himself at Floridians’ expense.

Here’s one of the most glaring examples: most Florida counties [lost jobs](#) and [wages](#) are at the bottom of the nation, but Scott’s taken actions as governor to make himself [\\$46 million](#) richer.

Even worse, he funneled his fortune through a secret financial account to hide his corruption.

This [violates](#) transparency rules for a Senate candidate, so expect this account -- and the favors he’s done as governor to enrich himself -- to dominate the early days of his campaign. On Friday, the [AP](#) and [Miami Herald](#) reported on an ongoing state lawsuit to compel its disclosure.

Scott’s record as governor is a liability for his campaign.

Apart from his failed record of lost jobs and low wages, Scott’s self-serving politics have engulfed his administration in scandal. Here’s three liabilities that emerged in *just the last six months*:

- During Hurricane Irma, 14 seniors died after Scott gave out his cell phone number to nursing homes, promised to help and then sent their calls to [voicemail](#).
- After the FIU bridge collapse where 6 individuals died, Scott tried to cover up his administration’s “[key role](#)” overseeing the project – and his [raising](#) of campaign contributions from the contractor during the selection process.
- After Parkland, the *Tampa Bay Times* [wrote](#) “the common thread running through these deadly tragedies is Scott’s practice of blaming others when things go terribly wrong while avoiding responsibility for his administration’s failures.”

Don’t forget: he also “[lied](#)” about expanding Medicaid, [backed](#) oil drilling near Florida’s shores and beaches after the BP Oil Spill, wasted [tens of millions of tax dollars](#) on self-serving legal bills and supports the GOP’s [health care](#) and [tax](#) agenda – both of which would raise costs for Floridians while giving himself a tax break.

In two of the best GOP years in modern political history, Scott never won by more than a point.

In 2010 and 2014 Scott spent millions more than any other candidate to secure less votes than any other GOP statewide winner, underperforming his party’s generic ballot advantage by 3 points. 2018 is already shaping up to be a different kind of year: Democrats have won elections in the St. Petersburg mayoral race, a closely contested State Senate race in South Florida, and an overwhelmingly Republican House district in Sarasota.

Scott has also never run weighed down by an unpopular GOP president and Congress. This dynamic is sparking a backlash against GOP candidates and deprives him of his traditional campaign message.

The Bottom Line: Senator Nelson’s record of putting Florida first attracts a broad, deep coalition every campaign he runs. In contrast, Scott’s self-serving political brand, his administration’s failures and a hostile political environment will all cripple his campaign.

More information is available at [SelfServingScott.com](#)