

Washington, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) will join Delegate Glenn Oder to co-host a town hall meeting to discuss issues concerning Toxic Chinese Drywall, **TONIGHT from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the James Conference Room at Fountain Plaza II in Newport News.**

They will be joined by representatives from the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Interested homeowners, members of the community, and members of the media are welcome to attend.

WHO:

Congressman Rob Wittman

Delegate Glenn Oder

Chris Day, Congressional Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission

Jay Howell, Acting Assistant Executive Director, CPSC Office of Compliance

Virginia

Department

WHAT:

Toxic

Chinese Drywall Town Hall

Press availability to follow

WHEN:

TODAY, Monday, July 12, 2010, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE:

James Conference Room
Fountain Plaza II

700 Town Center Drive

Newport News

, VA 23606

Congressman Wittman [recently introduced legislation](#) , the Toxic Drywall Homeowner Relief Act, to aid homeowners in the First Congressional District and across the country who have been affected by toxic drywall. Specifically, Wittman's legislation would allow individuals a tax deduction for the costs incurred to remove and replace toxic drywall and degraded electrical system components and appliances in their principal residence, up to \$20,000 during each taxable year. Additionally, the bill would allow individuals whose homes are severely affected a deduction for the cost of alternative living expenses they incur while determining whether toxic drywall is present in their homes and during the remediation process, up to \$1,000 per month for no more than three years. The tax deductions and credit in Wittman's bill would be available to taxpayers for returns filed for 2009, 2010, and 2011. This bill is awaiting consideration by the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Interested media can contact Abigail Shilling at 202-225-4261 or 202-593-1424 (cell).

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.