



Department of  
Taxation

## **Tax Commissioner Delivers New Era of Service for Business Taxpayers**

*Tax overpayments targeted for return or credit to business*

*For Immediate Release*

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, Ohio – February 12, 2014 – Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa today traveled to Butler County to personally present Dale Magie, owner of West Chester Lawn & Garden, with a tax refund check, due to an overpayment of business taxes made a few years ago. The check totaled \$7,085.98 – the total tax overpayment, plus interest.

The Ohio Department of Taxation is now proactively reaching out to business taxpayers to notify them when they overpay their taxes, and the check presentation to Mr. Magie serves to reinforce the change in business practice. Commissioner Testa directed the change after learning that the department, for many years, would do nothing to alert business taxpayers when they paid too much tax.

“When I learned of this practice I was shocked and angry that it had been going on for decades. The government was failing to serve its citizens and that immediately needed to be corrected,” Testa said. “After reporting it to Gov. John Kasich, he agreed and we have put a plan in place to permanently fix this problem and ensure that taxpayer’s get their money back.”

Prior to this change, businesses had to initiate a refund request themselves. If the business wasn’t aware it had overpaid and didn’t request the refund, the money would remain with the Department of Taxation until statutory deadlines passed, and the money would lapse to the state treasury.

Testa says the Department is currently in the process of returning more than \$40 million in overpaid business taxes and pursuing legislation to establish a permanent system of fair treatment for businesses that overpay.

“It’s extremely important to return job creators any money that they’re owed, so they can use it to grow, expand and put Ohioans to work,” said Testa. “We are making great strides, but we still have more work to do in order to continue strengthening Ohio.”

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