October 26, 2001

The Honorable Bob Taft  
Governor of Ohio  
Members of the  
Ohio General Assembly  

Dear Governor, Senators and Representatives,

It is my responsibility (Ohio Revised Code 5703.42) and privilege to provide you with the 2001 Annual Report of the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT).

This report details ODT activities in Fiscal Year 2001 (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001). In it you will find a description of and data pertaining to each of the twenty-one taxes and three local government funds administered by the department. The report also contains an overview of the workings of ODT. Related to that are sections highlighting our important initiatives and legislative involvement.

I invite you to open and enjoy this window to the world of tax in Ohio. I think you will find that the pages following provide many interesting and enlightening views.

My hope is that this report serves your needs. My promise is that this department will, in all ways, continue to work to that end.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Zaino  
Tax Commissioner