



June 27, 2003

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

Dear Governor, Senators and Representatives,

It is both my responsibility under Ohio Revised Code 5703.42 and my privilege to provide you with the **2002 Annual Report of the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT)**.

The report details ODT activities in Fiscal Year 2002 (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002). In it you will find a description of and statistical data pertaining to each of the 21 taxes and three local government funds administered by the Department. This number includes the new Municipal Income Tax on Electric Light Companies. The report traces the Department's restructuring to fit budget constraints during 2002, along with several accomplishments that improved service to taxpayers. It also contains a new, expansive overview of ODT's divisions and how their functions support the overall mission of the Department.

I invite you to open the annual report and gain a greater understanding of the tax structure in Ohio and how it meets the needs of both state residents and government. I believe that you will find the report to be both an interesting and enlightening document.

Above all, I hope that this report will serve your needs. My promise is that this Department will, in all ways, continue to work to that end.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Zaino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas M. Zaino
Tax Commissioner