



Department of
Taxation

Ohio's Tax Commissioner Wants to Hear from You

Win a Chance to Share Your Ideas to Improve Ohio's Tax System Directly with the Commissioner

COLUMBUS, Ohio – July 26, 2016 – Most Ohioans typically wouldn't look forward to a face-to-face meeting with the tax man, but Ohio's Tax Commissioner Joe Testa is looking to change that. He is on a mission – not to collect money, but to collect ideas – directly from Ohioans about how the state's tax system can be improved.

Commissioner Testa is launching a program at the Ohio State Fair that will ultimately give several randomly selected Ohioans the chance to meet with him in person to share their ideas. Throughout the Fair he will be participating in fun events to encourage patrons to enter a drawing, and then picking the winners live on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 after the "That Mancini Magic!" Henry Mancini tribute concert.

"I am very excited to invite the citizens of Ohio to be a part of an open and honest conversation about the state's tax system," said Ohio Tax Commissioner Joe Testa. "I want taxpayers to share their fresh insight and personal experiences, so we can work together to generate new ideas to help improve the lives of all Ohioans."

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) will be at the State Fair beginning Wednesday, July 27, 2016, to start collecting entries for the drawing. Then the Tax Commissioner will be making the following appearances:

- **Thursday, July 28:** Guest performance with comedy magician Chipper Lowell at **12:30 p.m.** on the *T-Mobile Main Street Stage presented by CD102.5*.
- **Monday, August 1:** Log cutting competition with Commissioner Testa going head-to-head against Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director James Zehringer during the Great Lakes Timber Show at **noon** at the *Natural Resources Park*.
- **Tuesday, August 2:** Surprise performance prior to the "That Mancini Magic!" Henry Mancini tribute concert at **noon** at the *WCOL Celeste Center*, with the live drawing held immediately following the show.

Testa says the Department is constantly searching for ways to innovate and this program provides the perfect opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how it can serve Ohioans better. One of the goals is to shed some light on what is working and what's not working, so we can uncover new ways to make Ohio's tax code simpler and less burdensome for all those who pay taxes.

Updates and additional information will be provided throughout the State Fair via ODT's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

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