



Department of
Taxation

Tax Scam ALERT

(July 22, 2016)

Tax Commissioner Joe Testa today issued a public warning to individual and business taxpayers in Ohio about an apparent tax scam that has surfaced in southwestern Ohio.

Residents and businesses in Butler and Hamilton counties have been receiving a postcard through the mail sent by what is called the "State Tax Commission" offering to settle delinquent tax debts for a small fraction of the amount owed.

The postcard appears to imply that a "one time offer" is available to recipients from an official-sounding tax entity that claims it has the authority to offer tax settlements.

Tax Commissioner Testa warns that the Ohio Department of Taxation is not involved with the entity sending these postcards and has not made any of the tax settlement offers mentioned.

Tax Commissioner Testa urges anyone receiving these mailings to visit the following Federal Trade Commission link for more information on tax relief companies.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0137-tax-relief-companies>

For additional information: Contact Gary Gudmundson, Communications Director, 614 466-0099.