

**NOTE:** "A move that will aid small businesses and encourage economic growth where it is centered, in the private sector, should be applauded."

# The Columbus Dispatch

Monday, December 24, 2012

## Smart move: editorial

### Fair treatment on taxes makes Ohio business friendly

Returning money to Ohio businesses that have overpaid their taxes is a fair and sensible move, and another example of how the administration of Gov. John Kasich is serious about making Ohio business-friendly.

Kasich joined with Department of Taxation Commissioner Joe Testa last week to announce nearly \$14 million in refunds of state commercial-activity tax that are being issued to companies following a state audit. The move was part of an administration effort to reverse previous state policy, which was to remain silent when businesses overpaid.

"What we're doing here is the really important work of saying you shouldn't overpay and then we kind of keep your money and not tell you about it," Kasich said, in characteristically plain-spoken fashion. "That's just a ripoff."

Representatives of three companies receiving refunds were on hand for the announcement, to help put a face on the diverse businesses that are benefiting from the return of some of their hard-earned cash. One common way that companies overpay is by mistakenly making duplicate payments or by making an error on an amended return, two things that small businesses without the benefit of in-house accountants could be prone to. One business represented at the announcement, natural grains grower Bluegrass Farms of Jeffersonville, received about \$1,700 back.

It's hard to believe that anyone would be opposed to this move that will help small businesses and can only enhance Ohio's growing reputation as a good place to do business.

Editorial continued here: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/editorials/2012/12/24/smart-move.html>

###