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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
WRONGFULLY HELD TAXPAYERS' MONEY

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Ohio Inspector General Randall Meyer has issued a report of investigation today which determined the Ohio Department of Taxation has wrongfully held millions of dollars in general business taxpayers' money.

As the result of an earlier investigation into an internal employee theft, the inspector general initiated a separate investigation to determine why millions of dollars in taxpayers' money had not been returned. In part, the investigation found thousands of instances where the Ohio Department of Taxation failed to return over \$30 million in properly requested refunds, contrary to Ohio law.

In the course of the investigation, the Ohio Department of Taxation began taking corrective action by returning money to taxpayers.

In a statement, Ohio Inspector General Randall Meyer said, "For years, the Ohio Department of Taxation has ignored the fact that they are holding taxpayer money that doesn't belong to the state. The people who are paying to operate this government deserve to be told the truth about their accounts."

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2012-CA00083 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2013Investigations.aspx>

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