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Diehl Launches New Real Diehl Report

Radio Ads Educate Citizens on Tax Dollar Abuse

Whitman, MA ... Today State Representative Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) released his second installment of the *Real Diehl Report* – ads designed to educate citizens on the wasting of tax dollars and accountability of tax dollars.

“I don’t think the general public knows that the Department of Transportation self-audits. I believe that there should be outside oversight to protect the taxpayers. This issue in the second installment of the Real Diehl Reports,” said Diehl.

“There is a constant drum beat at the State House for more tax dollars. I strongly believe that citizens need more information regarding the abuse of tax dollars,” said Diehl.

The first Real Diehl Report focused on transportation more specifically the MBTA. A 2014 internal audit showed that the T doesn’t perform adequate inventorying of their fleet, doesn’t comply with federal transit authority guidelines and doesn’t properly verify use of vehicles by T staff.

The second Real Diehl Report focuses on self-auditing of transportation.

Here is the language of the ad:

Announcer: This is the real Diehl report with State Representative Geoff Diehl who chaired the repeal of automatic gas tax hikes.

Geoff: I’m Geoff Diehl. As a family man, I know the heavy burden of taxes. That’s why I’ve been fighting for accountability of our tax dollars on Beacon Hill. Several years ago in a cost saving measure the Department of Transportation was merged with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Buried in the bill having the new Department of Transportation self audit. That’s right; people within the agency review the agency. It is not the transparency we want or expect from our state government. Quite frankly, it’s no wonder why it costs taxpayers \$675,000 per mile in road maintenance every year. The Commonwealth is the second highest in the nation.

It is time for oversight and better fiscal management not more tax dollars.

Announcer: This was the real Diehl report with State Representative Geoff Diehl. For more information visit GeoffDiehl.com

“Taxpayers are not going to read these internal audits, but they should know what is happening within the authorities and state government. My plan is to make our state more accountable and make sure our tax dollars are being spent wisely,” said Diehl.

The Real Diehl Reports will run every Monday on radio stations in Boston and South Shore. Diehl plans on updating them regularly.

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