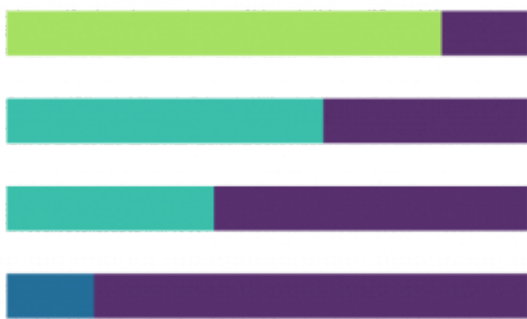


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The Ohio Society of CPAs (OSCPA) in June released a comprehensive white paper to state leaders outlining a series of tax changes CPAs believe will drive a more competitive business environment in Ohio.

The recommendations are the work of OSCPAs member-led [Ohio Tax Reform Task Force](#), formed after Ohio's 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission asked the Society to evaluate the state's tax structures. The Society has a long history of partnering with government leaders to solve statewide financial challenges and advance pro-business initiatives that drive growth.

Most recently, OSCPAs helped drive significant overhauls to Ohio's municipal income tax system – one of the most complicated in the nation. In 2010, OSCPAs Ohio Budget Advisory Task Force offered recommendations for filling a multi-billion dollar state budget shortfall through improved government efficiencies. Many of these recommendations were adopted into law.

“OSCPA is committed to advancing ideas that will make Ohio a magnet for business

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2020 Tax Policy Study Commission that the task force followed best practice guidelines in evaluating the tax code. These same five tenets are widely accepted as the key elements of a quality tax system: competitiveness, simplicity, stability, equity/fairness and neutrality.

The Ohio Tax Reform Task Force outlined several areas the state should evaluate including a reduction in the number of personal income tax brackets, further easing municipal income tax administration through centralized collection, simplifying Ohio's Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) and the sales/use tax, ensuring fair tax treatment and application in key industries, which could drive much-needed state revenue, and shared services across jurisdictional lines.

Read the full Ohio Tax Reform Task Force [recommendations](#).

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