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U.S. Senate Candidate Eric Deaton opposes increase to the federal gas tax

New Lebanon, Ohio - Southwestern Ohio area resident Eric Deaton, who is one of four remaining U.S. Senate candidates who will compete in the November 2nd general election race, opposes an increase to the federal gas tax. Mr. Deaton recently said "With gas prices rising for the summer, a sunken oil platform and America still saddled with a sagging economy, it is not the time to take hard earned dollars out of our citizen's pockets." This is a response to last Wednesday's announcement by current U.S. Senator George Voinovich claiming we need to increase the tax and saying "We need to get this done now. We can't wait." Senate Candidate Deaton has challenged Republican Rob Portman and Democrat Lee Fisher to also denounce this cry by Washington for more money from the states and citizens.

"It's high time Washington learns to start balancing budgets and start doing more with less just like American families have to do," claims Mr. Deaton. "Although the federal gas tax has not increased in many years, it is our government's fault that we have had so much inflation and decreased the value of the 18.4 cents per gallon tax. The same inflation caused by Washington and our Federal Reserve System has eroded the working class families buying power and they have learned to live with it just like Washington needs to" says Mr. Deaton.

He has directed all interested voters and groups to visit his website www.deatonforsenate.com for more information.