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JOSH MANDEL
TREASURER OF OHIO

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Fiscal Officer Charles Walder
P.O. Box 522
Russell, Ohio 44072-0522

Dear Fiscal Officer Walder,

I am writing today about a unique opportunity to become partners in promoting government transparency. My office recently launched OhioCheckbook.com – a new website that allows Ohioans to search and share more than \$400 billion in checkbook-level state spending spanning the past seven years. We launched OhioCheckbook.com to empower citizens to see how their tax dollars are being spent and to provide public officials with a tool to improve efficiency. Since its launch a couple months ago, the public's reception to this new search tool has been overwhelmingly positive.

While posting the state's checkbook online was a great first step, we are working hard to equip OhioCheckbook.com with the ability to host and display local spending as well. My goal is to encourage and facilitate even more government transparency by displaying data from counties, cities, townships, villages, school districts, libraries and other local entities across Ohio.

We intend to host, post and display your local government's checkbook-level spending on OhioCheckbook.com at **no cost** to your local government.

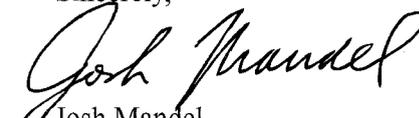
I am writing to ask if you would be willing to partner with us to put your local government's spending information on OhioCheckbook.com? Yours could be one of the very first local governments to post your spending on OhioCheckbook.com. If you choose to partner with us, we want to ensure that your efforts are recognized in your community and that your constituents know that your local government is a leader in transparency.

By building OhioCheckbook.com and making billions of dollars of spending information accessible to the people of Ohio, we improved the state's transparency ranking from 46th up to **1st in the nation!** The U.S. Public Interest Research Group, which releases an annual transparency report card for the fifty states, recently announced that Ohio's transparency grade has improved from D- to A+. This is the highest mark in the history of these rankings. We would like to bring this type of recognition to your local government as well.

If you are interested, please complete and return the enclosed form in the pre-paid return envelope, e-mail the form to john@tos.ohio.gov, fax the form to 614-485-6821 or complete the form online at OhioCheckbook.com/partner. If you have any questions, please contact John Roscoe, my Director of Public Affairs, at 614-728-7738 or at the email above.

I look forward to partnering with you to shine sunlight on spending and help showcase your community as a leader in government transparency.

Sincerely,


Josh Mandel
Treasurer of Ohio

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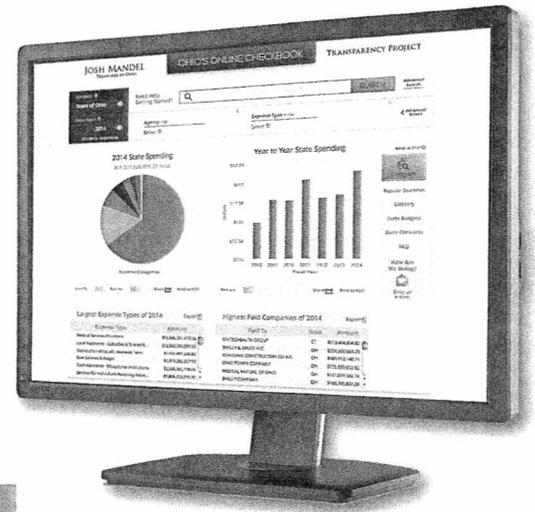


TRANSPARENCY



YES! I would like to partner with the Ohio Treasurer's office to have my local government checkbook posted at OhioCheckbook.com.

Please have the Ohio Treasurer's office contact me to begin the process.



Please provide the following information for your local government:

ENTITY: Russell Township

WORK PHONE: 440-338-8155

MY NAME: CHARLES E. WALDER

CELL PHONE: 216-554-1094

MY TITLE: FISCAL OFFICER

EMAIL: cwalder@russelltownship.ohio.gov

Return this form by:

- Completing it online at: OhioCheckbook.com/partner
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