



COLUMBUS - The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions today announced the resignation of Matt Mayer as its President. Mayer will continue serving as President through the end of the year.

“Matt has taken the Buckeye Institute to new heights,” stated Board Chairman Greg Lashutka. “Under his leadership, the Buckeye Institute has become an agenda-setter in Ohio public policy debates, as well as a trend-setter for other state-based policy think tanks.”

Mayer became the President of the Buckeye Institute in September 2009. During his tenure, the Buckeye Institute was at the cutting edge of some of the top policy issues in the state, including reforms in collective bargaining, criminal justice, government pensions, and state and local taxes. The Buckeye Institute rapidly became a key resource for a wide range of media and policymakers when seeking background on major issues.

In addition, the redesigned website initiated by Mayer has become a national leader in promoting government transparency through its state of the art searchable government salary databases and salary comparison tool. Since its inception, over 5.5 million searches have been conducted. The website’s innovative tax burden calculator has attracted national interest as a model for the other 49 states.

During Mayer’s time as president, the Buckeye Institute’s donor base more than doubled reflecting a grassroots enthusiasm for the organization’s common sense, data driven solutions to Ohio’s most pressing policy problems.

Born in Dayton and raised in Westerville, Mayer joined the Buckeye Institute with an eye to improving Ohio’s precarious economic position.

"When I first joined the Buckeye Institute, I stated that Ohio used to be the place where the dreams of our best and brightest were attainable through hard work, perseverance and the freedom to make individual choices," Mayer said. "Despite Ohio's continuing challenges, I am proud of the work we have done to push Ohio towards being that place once more."

Mayer will stay focused on homeland security issues, continuing in his role as a Visiting Fellow with The Heritage Foundation where he has already spent several years drawing upon his experiences as the head of terrorism preparedness and Counselor to the Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Lashutka concluded, "We will miss Matt and are grateful to build upon the foundation he has helped us build. The Board and staff will move forward and ensure that the Buckeye Institute's role in influencing the debate on Ohio's economic future continues."

The Board is commencing a search for a successor to Matt.

The Buckeye Institute is a nonpartisan research and educational institute devoted to individual liberty, economic freedom, personal responsibility, and limited government in Ohio.