

Ohio Marine Trades Association
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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OMTA Meets with Senator Patton to Discuss Warranty Challenges

On the 17th Michelle and RJ met with Senator Patton who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee to discuss SB 458 the warranty bill that OMTA is spearheading. The meeting was to educate Senator Patton on the problem dealers are facing with warranties and advocate to get hearings on the bill once the legislature is back in session in November.

Gas Tax Holiday

The legislature had been expected to be on recess until after the November election. However, the Speaker of the House and Senate President, joined Republican gubernatorial candidate Vivek Ramaswamy in a press conference to announce plans to return to pass a 90-day gas tax holiday. Earlier the same day, Democrat candidate Amy Acton signaled her support for a gas tax holiday as well. The details of the plan have not been released, but leadership has indicated their intent to make agencies who receive gas tax revenue whole. The loss of tax revenue could be replaced by ODOT budget reserves, the state's rainy-day fund or other sources. OMTA has been in touch with ODNR to inquire how this plan could impact the Waterway Safety Fund which gets a small portion of the gas tax revenue.

In order to pass the holiday with an emergency clause to take effect immediately the plan will need bi-partisan support.

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