



## OKOGA RESPONDS TO EDMONDSON'S LATEST THREAT TO RAISE OIL AND NATURAL GAS TAXES

**OKLAHOMA CITY** (Oct. 3, 2018) – The Oklahoma Oil and Gas Association (OKOGA) released the following statement regarding gubernatorial candidate Drew Edmondson's threat to raise the gross production tax (GPT) to fund mental health services.

"Drew Edmondson is at it again. First he said he wants to raise GPT to fund education. Then he said he wants to use the money for transportation. Now he says he wants to support mental health services with that revenue," OKOGA President Chad Warmington said. "We are baffled Edmondson doesn't understand you can't spend one dollar three times."

"We are also frightened to learn Edmondson thinks one industry can support every state function," Warmington said. "Oklahoma needs a leader who will make government more efficient and stabilize revenue, rather than making teachers and health providers more dependent on a volatile industry."

### **Background**

*The Oklahoma Oil and Gas Association (OKOGA), founded in 1919, is the oldest energy trade association in the United States. Nearly a century later, the association remains dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the oil and natural gas industry within the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation. It is a non-profit association composed of oil and gas producers, operators, purchasers, pipelines, transporters, processors, refiners, marketers and service companies which represent a substantial sector of the oil and natural gas industry within Oklahoma. The activities of OKOGA include support for legislative and regulatory measures designed to promote both the well-being and best interests of the citizens of this state and a strong and vital petroleum industry within the State of Oklahoma and throughout the United States.*

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