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Honorable Michael G. Kirby
Representative
10910 West Langlade Street
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Dear Mr. Kirby:

Mrs. Nadine Stoner of Beloit has informed me that the Special Committee on Interrelationship of Urban and Rural Policies, of which you are Chairperson, will be considering a resolution to propose an amendment to the Wisconsin State Constitution to permit local option site value taxation. Such an amendment was proposed by the Illinois House of Representatives at its last session.

The documentation presented by Mrs. Stoner in favor of the resolution is less than the tip of the iceberg. A small library could be filled with the empirical research published in the past one hundred years on the subject of site value taxation. The preponderance of that research demonstrates findings similar to those reported by Mr. Rick Rybeck in Public Policy Report 7, published by the Conference on Alternative State and Local Policies.

A copy of the summary of the Illinois proposal, and a copy of the pertinent page from Mr. Rybeck's report are enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,


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