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Dear Walt:

CBS's program "SUNDAY MORNING" devoted one of its segments to a \$100 million educational aid program being structured by the State of Mississippi. Mississippi's legislature has passed the measures in an effort to solve their long standing educational problems (last in the United States on a per capital expenditure basis).

The funds for this program are to be raised by increases in the sales and income taxes. The exact incidence of taxation was not discussed.

I am of the opinion that Mississippi's legislative "mood" might provide fertile ground for a statewide land value tax measure. Two potential methods of impacting events in Mississippi come to mind. First would be to have someone investigate their legislative agenda and attempt to present testimony before the appropriate committees. Second, and perhaps more ambitious, is to prepare an analysis of their funding proposals and have it delivered to each and every state legislator, educational lobbyist group, etc. in the state.

The real question is whether we are, as a group, up to such a challenge in relation to the opportunity presented. What do you think.

Very truly yours,

Ed Dodson

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