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Dear Ed:

Over yours and Richard Biddle's signatures is an appeal for funds to help finance a LVT tax campaign in Philadelphia in the Georgist Journal.

Now, I realize that if you get your city to start LVT, it would be a tremendous boost nationwide. I realize that Pittsburgh is also a big city, but got hardly anywhere until after 50 years, say, about 1979. Harrisburgh, your capital, has made strides. And you have three small cities.

Wouldn't the same amount of effort and money that you could put into a Philadelphia campaign bring, say, 12 to 15 smaller cities into the LVT orbit --- and have a greater impact publicity-wise? If you failed in one small city, you still have 11 to 14 others in which you have not failed. If you fail in Philadelphia, the anti-LVT forces will have a lot of ammunition to use against further small-city campaigning.

In the 14½ years I have been on Social Security, I have given approximately \$1500 annually to social causes. A good deal of the balance goes to medicine, which keeps me alive. My wife has seldom had to use her Social Security, she does not have any favorite charities, and the some \$30,000 she has banked goes right on earning her interest on her CDs, which adds to her savings account.

You will see that my wife believes in watching out for the family first - which includes her retarded brother who lives with us.

I'm the kind of guy who wants to save society. For instance, I purchased a book on newsletters, which I hoped would give you ideas for your proposed Consultation service. I bought the Talk Show book, from which I gleaned many ideas for the article which will appear in WQUAL RIGHTS. I sent you a copy of the MSS, but you have not commented on it -- nor said anything further about the pamphlet you ~~proposed~~ proposed I write.

My usual contribution to social causes (most of which are Georgist) is \$25. I'll send \$25 to the Philadelphia project, ~~xxxxxxx~~ if you will try to convince me that the Philadelphia campaign has greater merit than trying to get a dozen or so small PA towns committed to LVT,

The apathy in the Georgist Movement distresses me: I got 25 sponsors to get 10 signatures each on a resolution to submit to the Unitarian Universalist Church re LVT. The parish poll failed by 112-85. Then Mitchell Chanellis took over, using my 25 sponsors to get JUST ONE UU District of about 15 around the country to vote on a new more "social" resolution as opposed to my "fiscal" resolution. This latter resolution was cleared with the UU headquarters for readership acceptance. I needed 250 signatures; All Mitchell needed was one District. The Florida District met on January 15, but my minister could not get the ^{film} ONE WAY TO BETTER CITIES on the agenda, nor the resolution! Feb 1 - yesterday was the deadline. I called Mitch last night. Of all of those 25 sponsors I was able to use in 1981, Mitch never got one response. His letter copy was excellent, his stuffers couldn't be beat; yet not one of those other 24 sponsors who worked diligently for me got a District resolution into the works.

the current Georgist Journal has 3/4 of a page on Incentive Taxation happenings this past three months. But 5 1/2 pages on RENT vs LVT! Where are the priorities???????

I wish we had a Georgist trade paper that was particularly devoted to MARKETING Land Value Taxation.

On page 3, Bob gives high marks to Robert Chitester, whose PBS station produced and distributed from Erie the 10 segment economic garbage of Milton Friedman that paved the way for Reagan's Supply Side economics -- and 12 million unemployed, and some 25,000 bankrupt companies.

If Chitester becomes a land value taxer through membership in the International Union for Land Value Taxation - fine. But I am more inclined to believe he is taking out membership for purposes of sabotage.

Sincerely

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