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Dr. John Sununu, Chief of Staff
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Dear John,

The leaders of the two organizations on the masthead of the enclosed letter know — from me — that I have no political clout.

We are all well aware, however, the enclosed letter cannot come to President Bush's attention except through you.

It asks nothing. It seeks no favors.

It is, instead, a sincere expression of beliefs I have many times shared with you directly here in New Hampshire — the uniquely prosperous state I see as the most nearly "Georgist" of the fifty.

Henry George's prescription for a healthy economy, in his own words, emblazoned in the newspaper he published, is quite simply this: "The Standard advocates the abolition of all taxes upon industry and the products of industry, and the taking, by taxation upon land values irrespective of improvements, of the annual rental value of all those various forms of natural opportunities embraced under the general term, Land."

That comes pretty close to the effective way you successfully governed New Hampshire.

It goes but little farther than the campaign pledge.

It is consistent with things Secretary Kemp has written.

We are small organizations, but steadily gaining strength in state legislatures, city councils, mayor's offices, among economists in leading universities, and increasingly with the people.

Most important, we want you and the President to know how much we appreciate the courage you are showing in the struggle against privilege and greed which must, at times, seem overwhelming.

Sincerely,

Richard Noyes

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