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Mr. Robert Clancy
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Dear Bob:

Subject: 1991 Wisconsin Senate Bill 244 for Land Value Tax Study, introduced by Beloit's State Senator Weeden and Rep. Robson, at the request of Wisconsin Property Owners League

This is a request to you for your help. WPOL needs letters of support for the subject bill for a Study of Land Value Taxation. The Wisconsin Legislature has been in summer recess, but will reconvene for the month of October, and WPOL hopes to get a hearing on the land value tax study bill. So your letter that WPOL is requesting would need to be sent by you within the next week or two.

Quoting from the one-page bill: "The Legislative Council is requested to study the feasibility of computing the value of real property for purposes of the property tax on the basis of the value of land only and to report the results of its study and its recommendations on or before January 1, 1993, to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the members of the legislature."

It would be helpful if you could write your letter on your letterhead stationery, and if you could make these points:

- 1) You are writing in support of 1991 Senate Bill 244 and encourage a hearing and its passage.
- 2) Briefly comment on your group's or organization's involvement with land value taxation. (examples: seeking to get LVT legislated in your own state; teach it in study courses; conduct seminars; promote LVT with resource materials; do research; live in an enclave; or whatever.
- 3) A comment or two, based on your experience with land value taxation as to why it would be beneficial for Wisconsin's Legislative Council to study land value taxation (examples: it would benefit housing; it would promote economic redevelopment; it raises the same amount of revenue on real estate but does so through incentive taxation; or whatever.

Wisconsin Senate Bill 244 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Aging, Banking, Communications and Taxation. Committee chairman is Senator Russell Feingold (D-Madison) and Vice-chairman is Senator Brian Burke (D-Milwaukee). They can be addressed at: State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702. (Perhaps instead of addressing two separate letters, you might want to address a letter to Chairman Feingold and show a copy to Vice-chairman Burke.)

WPOL would also appreciate receiving a "blind" (not shown on the original copy of the letter) copy of your letter for WPOL's own information. Your help will be much appreciated. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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