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Dear Morgan:

Thank you for including me in your recent mailing concerning the formation of ' an activist Henry George membership organization '.

I agree that some such entity is surely needed in our movement. I suggest, however, that such an organization focus primarily on the greater economic and social justice implications of Henry George's philosophy and on LVT as the means of actualizing that vision. Otherwise, we Georgists run the risk of being characterized as mere self-interested and mean spirited individualists concerned only with our own "tax relief" and "prosperity".

Betsy Dana of Portland, Oregon has recorded her thoughts about what such an animal might look like and I enclose a copy of that letter to you. In case you don't know, Betsy is a Trustee and Secretary of the Federalist Caucus as well as a Georgist. She published, in their 1983 Annual Report, excerpts of a paper presented to the Planetary Congress at Toronto in June '83. The relevant excerpts from that paper, which I also enclose, should give you an idea of what I mean by "the greater implications of Henry George's philosophy".

Betsy is planning to attend the upcoming HG Annual Conference in New York State in July, as am I. Are you? If so, through further discussion, I believe we may move much closer to the formation of an effective activist georgist membership organization.

Yours truly,

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Enclosures

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