

From Hon. James G. Maguire

Former Congressman, ex-Superior Judge of San Francisco, friend and associate of Henry George.

Mr. Luke North (C. Lebaon Goeller), San Francisco, April 30, 1918.
Los Angeles, California:

Dear Sir: Being a member of the Equity Tax League, as you know, and up to the time of the withdrawal of its proposed Constitutional Amendment, a firm supporter of its measure, I have now decided to give my support, wholeheartedly, to The Great Adventure amendment, as I did two years ago, and I hope, with even a better result, although the result two years ago was by no means disappointing to me. In fact I had long ago decided to support both the Equity League and The Great Adventure amendments at the polls, for, indeed there is no inconsistency between them, the Great Adventure amendment simply going further, in the same direction, than that of the Equity League, now abandoned.

I cannot, and no other Single Taxer should, wait two years for the probable presentation of an Amendment to the Constitution providing for a partial application of the Single Tax, when the worst that can happen, as the result of giving support to an “all at once” Single Tax Amendment, is that its failure will postpone the reform for the same length of time.

Land monopoly, against which, alone, the Single Tax is directed, is merely a parasitic growth on society, having no useful, nor any economic, function whatever. It creates no values, but absorbs more than are necessary for the support of all our governments—federal, state and. municipal. It is marvelous that it has been permitted to exist so long, especially when we consider that its economic worthlessness and its useless oppressiveness have been so well known for a century.

With best wishes for the success! of your brave fight for the equal and inalienable right of mankind, in general, to the use of the God-given earth, I remain,

Very respectfully yours, James G. Maguire.