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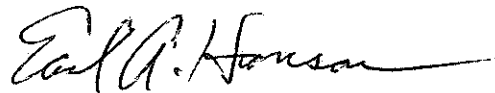
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Not only is Jack Kemp urging the reduction of penalties on production, his Commission on Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing, in their report released last July, has provided a rare ingredient in the tax debate: a source of revenue to replace the removed disincentives. That a tax on land values is an incentive tax is well known to economists.

A substantially higher land value tax will tend to lower land prices, a needed incentive for commerce and industry as well as for housing. Our present land-privilege economy, if the recession continues to a depression, would also drop land prices under the most painful conditions.

The Commission recommended: ---"The existing property tax might be replaced with a two-tier approach in which the tax rate on land would be significantly higher than the rate on structures. ---"

As the local property tax is reformed, the federal LVT component to be added, need not be a large one initially. The critical need now is to be headed in a direction that spells confidence, not chaos.



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