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Honorable Advisory Panel Members,

Part of government's function is social engineering.
Taxation is a primary tool of social engineering.
Social engineering should reward what is needed by the community
and punish what is harmful.

Productivity is beneficial to the community.
The income tax punishes productivity and needs to be eliminated.

Land speculation is harmful to the community
but is rewarded by present real estate property tax systems.

Solution:

get rid of the income tax, and
enact a federal location value charge based on the assessed value of all privately held
land in the United States. This charge would not be a tax on structures upon the land or in any
way impinge upon productivity derived from use of the location.


Moving to a charge on the location value of land and getting rid of our totally debilitating
income tax will reward what is needed by the community and discourage functions that are
harmful.

By the way:

- a charge based on the location value of land is:
- progressive since most really valuable land is owned by the very wealthy.
 - is unavoidable since there is no way to hide even a square foot of land.
So far no one has found a way to move land off shore to a Swiss bank account.
 - cannot be passed on to renters.

And finally, recall that large amounts of United State's land is being bought up by foreign
speculators. This would be an excellent way to collect revenue from sources that are presently
exempt from income tax rules.

Respectfully submitted


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