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I teach a course to para-legals on social and legislative advocacy at Manhattanville College. The first lesson is on how ideas become laws. Legislators determine that "an idea whose time has come," to become a law, is based on the relative pressures that they receive within the lobbying arena. We Georgists must effectively deliver our message as a political one.

As corporations and investors increase their land holdings for speculative gain, it will become harder for us to lobby.

Georgists must get into lobbying, political action committees and the like. Land value taxation reforms must become an alternative that is given political attention in the U.S. before more voting blocs become dependent on land speculation for assets, investments and income. Political action for ever greener pastures for the few must be supplanted by more concern and action for green pastures for the many.

We Georgists must accelerate our efforts - through political means aimed at Middle America - to get national and state government action.