

Endorsements of the book

William J. Byron, Professor of Business & Society, St. Joseph's University, former president, Catholic University of America: Commitment and competence characterize Rybeck's life-long effort to promote the common good through creative application of land taxation policies. This book revives the insights of Henry George and reveals the difference one man can make in the struggle to promote economic justice and prosperity, if only policy makers will listen.

Former Pittsburgh Congressman William J. Coyne: Our city pioneered in gradually shifting property taxes off buildings onto land values. This modest use of a land tax helped make Pittsburgh's renewal a model for the nation. The full-blown use of this tool that Rybeck urges could go far to restore our nation's economic health.

Ken Hechler, formerly White House assistant, Congressman, and West Virginia Secretary of State: This book re-tells the story of how coal, oil and timber became a curse to Appalachia because these resources attracted exploiters who left the bulk of mountain people in poverty. Rybeck, a native West Virginian, offers a workable formula that will make our natural riches a blessing for the population as a whole.

Stephen R. Reed, Harrisburg Mayor, 1982-2010: Rybeck shows how an innovative real estate tax policy stimulates economic growth and job creation. We know it works. It turned Pennsylvania's Capital City from the nation's second most distressed city into a nationally recognized economic development success story.